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PREFACE.

SEVERAL years ago when speaking with a friend on the subject of prayer, the offer was made to find out what the Bible teaches regarding it.

These "Studies on Prayer" are the result of the search. The work was undertaken without the slightest intention of having it appear in print, but step by step the way has been opened to publish it in the present form.

Some may take exception to the arrangement, but the plan was followed as it seemed to unfold itself. The personal benefit and pleasure have far more than repaid the labour, and the little book goes forth with the earnest prayer that it may do something to help others heavenward.

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INTRODUCTION.

In compliance with the request, "Lord teach us to pray," the Saviour gave to His disciples that form of prayer which is usually called the Lord's Prayer. It is not, however, to be supposed that there is no other form in which acceptable prayer may be offered. The prayers of Moses and David, of the martyr Stephen and the apostle Paul, expressed in other words, were heard and answered. We are thus led to the conclusion that in presenting our desires to God we need not confine ourselves to any particular form. In books of devotion, written by wise and good men, we find excellent models of prayer, but it is in the Scriptures that the best models are found. There is a peculiar richness, which is relished by the spiritually-minded, in those prayers in which the words of Scripture are fittingly introduced. These are like textures in which threads of gold are interwoven with silver.

Proceeding on this view, the compiler of this little volume has collected, indicated and arranged numerous texts of Scripture in which the different subjects of prayer are expressed; and which, at the

same time, illustrate the nature of prayer, and furnish encouragements to its exercise. Most cordially, therefore, the writer of these lines (who, in this matter, knows that he expresses the opinion of esteemed fathers and brethren who, like himself, have had opportunity to examine this collection while in course of preparation) commends it as a helpful guide to those who desire to make a study of the subject of prayer.

WILLIAM GREGG.

TORONTO, 3rd June, 1891.

I.

OUR SAVIOUR'S TEACHINGS IN REGARD TO PRAYER.

IF thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; *first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.* Matt. 5: 23, 24.

Pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you. 5: 44.

And when thou prayest, thou *shalt not be* as the *hypocrites* are. But thou, when thou prayest, *enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret.* But when ye pray *use not vain repetitions. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, etc.* 6: 5-13.

Ask—seek—knock.—If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that *ask* Him? 7: 7-11.

Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; *pray ye* therefore the Lord of the harvest *that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.* Luke 10: 1, 2. 9: 37, 38.

Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could we not cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for verily I 17: 19-21.

say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by *prayer and fasting.*

Matt. 18: 19, 20. Again I say unto you, *That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask*, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (The power of united prayer.)

21: 22. And all things, *whatsoever ye shall ask* in prayer, *believing*, ye shall receive.

26: 41. *Watch and pray*, that ye enter not into temptation. Mark 13: 33.

Mark 11: 24, 25. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *believe that ye receive them*, and ye shall have them. *And when ye stand praying, forgive*, if ye have ought against any.

Luke 11: 1-12. And it came to pass that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And He said unto them, *When ye pray, say: Our Father* which art in heaven, etc. (Parable of the friend coming at midnight, showing the importance of importunity and perseverance in prayer.)

18: 1-8. And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that *men ought always to pray*, and not to faint —(Parable of the importunate widow.) And shall

not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

Parable of the Pharisee and the publican, showing humility in prayer. Luke 18: 9-14.

Watch ye, therefore, and *pray always*, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. 21: 36.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father *in spirit and in truth*; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth. John 4: 23, 24.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. 14: 13, 14.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you 15: 7.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. 15: 16.

And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. At that day ye shall ask in My name. 16: 23, 24.

II.

OUR SAVIOUR'S EXAMPLE IN REGARD TO PRAYER.

Our Saviour's public ministry began and ended with prayer. *Cf.* Luke 3 : 21; 24: 50, 51.

Matt. 11 : 25, 26. At that time Jesus answered and said I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. *Cf.* Luke 10 : 21.

14 : 19. And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven *He blessed*, and brake. *Cf.* Mark 6 : 41 ; Luke 9 : 16; John 6 : 11-23.

14 : 23. And when He had sent the multitude away, He *went up into a mountain apart to pray* ; and when the evening was come, He was there alone. *Cf.* Mark 6 : 46.

15 : 36. And He took the seven loaves, and the fishes, and *gave thanks*. *Cf.* Mark 8 : 6, 7.

19 : 13. Then were brought unto Him little children, that He should *put His hands on them and pray*. *Cf.* Mark 10 : 13. And He took them up in His arms, *put His hands upon them, and blessed them*, also Luke 18 : 15.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and *blessed it*, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat, this is My body. And He took the cup, and *gave thanks*, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. *Cf.* Mark 14: 22, 23; Luke 22: 17-19. Matt. 26: 26, 27.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and *pray* yonder.—And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and *prayed, saying*, O my Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.—He went away again the second time, and *prayed, saying*, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, Thy will be done. And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and *prayed the third time*, saying the same words. *Cf.* Luke 22: 39-46. And He came out, and went, as He was wont, to the Mount of Olives. And there appeared an angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him. And *being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly. Cf.* Heb. 5: 7: Who in the days of His flesh when He *had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears* unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared. 26: 36-44.

For answer to this prayer, *cf.* Luke 22: 43 with John 18: 11.

Thinkest thou not that I cannot now *pray to* 26: 53, 54.

My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scripture be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Matt. 27 : 46 But about the ninth hour *Jesus cried with a loud voice*, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? *Cf.* Mark 15 : 34.

Mark 1 : 35. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out and departed into *a solitary place*, and *there prayed*. *Cf.* Matt. 6 : 5, 6.

7 : 33, 34. And He took him (the deaf man) aside from the multitude, and *looking up to heaven, He sighed*, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

Luke 3 : 21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized, and *praying*, the heaven was opened.—

5 : 16. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and *prayed*.

6 : 12, 13. And it came to pass in those days, that *He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God*. And when it was day, He called unto Him His disciples, and of them He chose twelve.

9 : 18. And it came to pass, as *He was alone praying*, His disciples were with Him, and He asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

9 : 28, 29. And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James, and *went up into a mountain to pray*. And as He prayed the fashion of His countenance was altered. *Cf.* Ex. 34 : 29; 2 Cor. 3 : 18.

And it came to pass, that, as *He was praying in a certain place,* when he ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11 : 1.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but *I have prayed for thee,* that thy faith fail not. 22 : 31, 32.

And He came out, and *went, as He was wont,* to the Mount of Olives. *Cf.* Matt. 26 : 36-44. 22 : 39-44.

Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them,* for they know not what they do. 23 : 34.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, *Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.* 23 : 46.

And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He *took bread and blessed it,* and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened. 24 : 30.

And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and *He lifted up His hands, and blessed them.* And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 24 : 50, 51.

And *Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank Thee,* that Thou has heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people which stand by, I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me. John 11 : 41¶ 42.

Now is My soul troubled, and what shall I say? *Father, save Me from this hour;* but for this cause came I unto this hour. *Father, glorify Thy name.* Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 12 : 27, 28.

John
14 : 16. And *I will pray the Father,* and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.

16 : 26. At that day ye shall ask in My name; and I say not unto you that *I will pray the Father for you*; for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me.

17 : 1-26. These words spake Jesus, and *lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said,* Father, the hour is come;
5. glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may also glorify Thee.—And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me, with Thine own Self, with the glory which I had with
9. Thee before the world was.—I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou
11. hast given Me, for they are Thine.—Holy Father, keep through Thine own name, those whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one, as We are.—
15. I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

17. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word
20, 21. is truth.—Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

24. Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for

Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.

Who is he that condemneth; it is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, *who also maketh intercession for us.* Rom. 8: 34.

For there is one God, and *one Mediator between God and men,* the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2: 5.

Who in the day of His flesh, when He had *offered up prayers and supplications,* with strong crying and tears, unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared. *Cf.* Matt. 26: 36-44. Heb. 5: 7, 8.

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, *seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* 7: 25.

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, but into heaven itself, *now to appear in the presence of God for us. Cf.* Lev. 16: 17. 9: 24.

And if any man sin, *we have an Advocate with the Father,* Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2: 1.

III.

PROMISES IN REGARD TO PRAYER.

Gen. 16: 11. The name Ishmael, *God shall hear*, was a gracious promise given to Hagar.

Ex. 22: 22, 23. Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto Me, *I will hear their cry.*

22: 26, 27. If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down. And it shall come to pass when he crieth unto Me, *that I will surely hear*, for I am gracious.

25: 21, 22. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and *there will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee,* from above the mercy seat.

Lev. 26: 40-42. If they shall confess their iniquity, then will *I remember My covenant.*

Num. 10: 9. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then *ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets;* and *ye shall be remembered* before the Lord your God, *and ye shall be saved* from your enemies. *Cf.* ch. 31: 6, 7.

Deut. 4: 29. But if from thence (the land of captivity) thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, *thou shalt find Him*, if thou seek Him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

When thou art in tribulation, *if thou turn to the Lord thy God,* and shalt be obedient unto His voice, *He will not forsake thee.* *Cf.* ch. 30 : 1-3 : 2 Chr. 15 : 4. Neh. 1 : 8. Nehemiah pleads this promise given to Moses. Deut. 4 : 30 31.

Enlargement of above promise. 30 : 1-9.

God's promise to Solomon. *Cf.* 2 Chr. 7 : 12. And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; if My people which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, *and pray,* and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then *will I hear from heaven,* and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. *Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place.* For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there for ever: *and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually.* *Cf.* Neh. 1 : 4; Dan. 9 : 3; 6 : 10; Jonah 2 : 4. 1 Kings. 9 : 3.

If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man His uprightness, then He is gracious unto him—*he shall pray unto God, and He shall be favorable unto him.* Job. 33 : 23-26.

Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Psa. 2 : 8.

Psa. 12 : 5. For the oppression of the poor, *for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise*, saith the Lord.

37 : 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and *He shall bring it to pass.*

50 : 15. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; *I will deliver thee*, and thou shalt glorify Me.

55 : 22. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and *He shall sustain thee.*

72 : 12. For He shall *deliver the needy* when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

81 : 10. Open thy mouth wide, and *I will fill it.*

91 : 15. He (*cf.* verse 14) shall call upon Me, and *I will answer him.*

102 : 17. He will *regard the prayer* of the destitute, and *not despise their prayer.*

145 : 18, 19 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will *fulfil the desire* of them that fear Him, He also *will hear their cry, and will save them.*

Pro. 2 : 3-9. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasure, then *shalt thou understand* the fear of the Lord and *find* the knowledge of God.—For the Lord giveth wisdom. *Cf.* Matt. 7 : 7 ; James 1 : 5.

28 : 13. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso *confesseth* and forsaketh them shall *have mercy.* *Cf.* 1 John 1 : 9.

Isa. 19 : 19-22. In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and

He shall send them a saviour; and a great one, and He shall deliver them. They shall return even to the Lord, *and He shall be intreated* of them, and *shall heal them.*

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when He shall hear it, *He will answer thee.* Isa. 30 : 19.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, *I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.* 41 : 17.

Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel and His Maker, Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands *command ye Me.* 45 : 11.

Look unto Me, and *be ye saved,* all the ends of the earth. 45 : 22.

The promise given to Christ in regard to the Gentiles when He complained, I have laboured in vain: *In an acceptable time have I heard thee.* 49 : 1-12. 8.

Even them (*cf.* verse 6) will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer: *their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar;* for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. 56 : 7.

Then (*cf.* verse 6, 7) shalt thou call, and the Lord *shalt answer;* thou shalt cry, and He shall say, *Here I am.* 58 : 9.

And it shall come to pass, that *before they call I will answer;* and while they are yet speaking *I will hear.* 65 : 24.

Jer. 29 : 12-14. Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and *I will hearken unto you.* And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart: *and I will be found of you,* saith the Lord.

33 : 3. Call unto Me, and *I will answer thee,* and *show thee great and mighty things,* which thou knewest not.

Eze. 36 : 37. Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Joel. 2 : 19. *Yea, the Lord will answer* (*cf.* verse 15-17) and say unto His people, Behold, I will send you corn and wine and oil.

2 : 32. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, *shall be delivered.*

Zeph. 3 : 9. For then (*cf.* verse 8) *will I turn to the people a pure language* that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one consent.

Zech. 10 : 1. Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and *give them showers of rain,* to every one grass in the field.

6. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph,—for I am the Lord their God, and *will hear them.*

12 : 10. *And I will pour* upon the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *the spirit of grace and of supplications.*

13 : 9. And I will bring the third part through the fire; —they shall call on My name, *and I will hear them.*

Enter into thy closet,—pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret *shall reward thee openly.* Matt. 6: 6.

Ask, and it *shall be given you;* seek, and ye *shall find;* knock, and it *shall be opened* unto you. For every one that asketh *receiveth;* and he that seeketh *findeth;* and to him that knocketh it *shall be opened.*—If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? 7: 7, 8-11

For *verily I say unto you, if ye have faith* as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and *nothing shall be impossible unto you.* *Cf.* ch. 21: 21, 22. 17: 19, 20.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, *it shall be done for them* of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, *there am I in the midst of them.* 18: 19, 20.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done. And *all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.* 21: 21, 22.

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be Mark. 11: 23, 24.

thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; *he shall have whatsoever he saith.* Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, *and ye shall have them.*

Luke. 18: 7, 8. And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you *He will avenge them speedily.*

John 14: 13, 14. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, *that will I do,* that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, *I will do it.*

15: 7. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and *it shall be done* unto you.

16: 23, 24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, *He will give it you.* Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye *shall receive,* that your joy may be full.

Rom. 10: 12, 13. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all *is rich* unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord *shall be saved.*

Phil. 4: 6, 7. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, that passeth all understanding, *shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

James. 1: 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of *God,*

that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and *it shall be given him.*

Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and *the prayer of faith shall save the sick*, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5: 14-16.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and *His ears are open unto their prayers.* 1 Peter. 3: 12.

If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to *cleanse* us from all unrighteousness. 1 John. 1: 9.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask and *He shall give him life* for them that sin not unto death. 5: 14.

IV.

CONDITIONS OF ANSWERED PRAYER.

Confession of sin. Lev. 26: 40-42; Psa. 32: 5; Prov. 28: 13; Jer, 3: 13; 1 John 1: 9.

Humbleness of heart because of sin. Lev. 26: 41, 42; 2 Chr. 33: 11-13; 1 Pet. 5: 6.

Acceptance of the punishment of sin. Lev. 26: 41-42.

Seeking God with all the heart and with all the soul. Deut. 4: 29; Jer. 29: 13; Joel 2: 12, 13.

Turning to God. Deut. 4: 30; Jer. 3: 22; Hos. 14: 1, 2.

Obedience to God. Deut. 4: 30, 31; 1 John 3: 22.

Putting our trust in God. 1 Chr. 5: 20; Psa. 22: 4, 5.

A broken spirit—a broken and a contrite heart. Psa. 51: 17; Isa. 57: 15; 66: 2; Lam. 2: 19; Joel 2: 12, 13.

Calling upon God in truth. Psa. 145: 19.

Fearing God. Psa. 145: 19.

Uprightness = Right doing. Pro. 15: 8, 29.

Putting away and ceasing to do evil. Isa. 1: 15-17.

Kind helpful deeds to all around. Isa. 58: 6, 7, 9.

Trembling at God's word. Isa. 66: 2.

Doing justly, loving mercy, walking humbly with God. Micah. 6: 6-8.

Asking, seeking, knocking. Matt. 7: 7.

Faith. Matt. 17: 21; 21: 21, 22; James 1: 5, 6.

A forgiving spirit. Mark 11: 25, 26.

Perseverance in supplication. Luke 18: 1, 7, 8.

In Christ's name. John 14: 13; 15: 16; 16: 23.

Abiding in Christ. John 15: 7.

Fruit-bearing. John 15: 16.

The intercession of the Spirit. Rom. 8: 26.

Without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. 2: 8.

Consistency of life. 1 Pet. 3: 7.

Doing those things pleasing to God. 1 John 3: 22.

"*According to His will.*" 1 John 5: 14.

V.

WHY NOT ANSWERED

Walking contrary to God. Lev. 26: 27-31.

Regarding iniquity in the heart. Psa. 66: 18; Pro. 15: 29.

Refusing God's offer of mercy, hating knowledge, not choosing the fear of the Lord. Pro. 1: 24-29.

Turning away the ear from hearing the law. Pro. 28: 9.

Evil doing. Isa. 1: 11-15; Micah. 3: 4.

Continuing in iniquity and sin. Isa. 59: 1, 2.

Disobedience. Jer. 11: 7-11.

Loving to wander, not refraining the feet. Jer. 14: 10-12.

Setting up idols in the hearts. Eze. 14: 3, 4.

Cruelty of the princes—falsehood of the prophets. Micah. 3: 1-7.

Refusing to hear, hardening the heart. Zech. 7: 11-13.

An unforgiving spirit. Mark 11: 25, 26.

Want of faith. James 1: 6, 7.

Not asking. James 4: 2.

Asking amiss. James 4: 3.

Inconsistency of life. 1 Pet. 3: 7.

VI.
WHAT PRAYER IS.

Calling upon the name of the Lord. Gen. 4: 26; 12: 8; 13: 4; 1 Kings 18: 24; Joel. 2: 32; Zeph. 3: 9; Acts 9: 11; with Acts 22: 16.

Talking with God. Gen. 17: 3; 18: 23-33; Ex. 33: 9-21.

Meditating. Gen. 24: 63; (mar.) Ps. 5: 1; 19: 14; 63: 6.

Entreating the Lord—(To crave, or to pray abundantly,) Gen. 25: 25; Ex. 8: 30; 2 Chr. 33: 13, 19; Psa. 119: 58.

Enquiring of the Lord. Gen. 25: 22; 1 Sam. 10: 22; 22: 10; Psa. 27: 4.

Sighing. Ex. 2: 23; Psa. 12: 5; 79: 11.

Crying. Ex. 2: 23; 3: 7, 9. 1 Sam. 7: 8; 15: 11; Psa. 34: 15; Isa. 30: 19.

Groaning. Ex. 2: 24; 6: 5; Psa. 38: 9; 102: 19, 20.

Communion with God. Ex. 25: 22; Gen. 18: 33. The effect of communion. Ex. 34: 29; Luke 9: 29.

Meeting with God. Ex. 25: 22; 29: 42.

Weeping. Num. 25: 6. Deut. 1: 45; Job 16: 20; Joel 2: 12, 17.

Bringing a cause before the Lord, consulting

Him. He is our counsellor. Num. 27 : 5 ; Isa. 9 : 6 : Josh. 9 : 14 ; Jud. 20 : 18: Psa. 3: 24.

Speaking in the heart. 1 Sam. 1 : 13.

Rehearsing a matter in the ears of the Lord—Telling Jesus. 1 Sam. 8 : 21. *Cf.* Matt. 14: 12 : John 11 : 3.

Calling unto God. 1 Sam. 12 : 17 ; 1 Kings 8 : 52 ; Psa. 50 : 15 ; 86 : 7 ; Acts 7 : 59.

Supplication,—To entreat grace. 1 Kings 8 : 30 ; Psa. 6 : 9 ; 30 : 8 ; Hos. 12 : 4 ; Zech. 12 : 10.

Seeking the Lord. 1 Chr. 16 : 11 ; 2 Chr. 15 : 4 ; Psa. 34 : 4 ; 63 : 1 ; Matt. 7 : 7.

Thanking and praising the Lord. 1 Chr. 23 : 30; Neh. 11 : 17.

Beseeching God. Ezra 8 : 23 ; 2 Sam. 12 : 16 : 2 Kings 20 : 3 ; Psa. 116 : 4.

Committing our cause to God.			Job 5 : 8.
"	*ourselves*	"	Psa. 10 : 14.
"	*our way*	"	Psa. 37 : 5.
"	*our works*	"	Pro. 16 : 3.
"	*our souls*	"	1 Pet. 4 : 19.

Looking up to God. Psa. 5 : 3 ; 25 : 15 ; 123 : 2 : Isa. 17 : 7 ; 45 : 22 ; Micah 7 : 7.

Desire. Psa. 10 : 17 ; 27 : 4 ; 38 : 9 ; 145 : 19 : Ro. 10 : 1.

Waiting on God. Psa. 25 : 3 ; Pro. 8 : 34 ; Isa. 8 : 17 ; 40 : 31.

Casting our burden upon the Lord. Psa. 55 : 22.

Being silent towards God. Psa. 62 : 1 ; (mar.)

Pouring out the heart before God. Psa. 62 : 8 : 1 Sam. 1 : 15 ; 7 : 6 ; Lam. 2 : 19.

Coming to God. Psa. 65 : 2 ; Heb. 11 : 6.

Stretching out the hands to God. Psa. 68 : 31 ; 88 : 9 ; 143 : 6.

Pouring out our complaint before God—shewing Him our trouble. Psa. 142 : 2.

Lifting up the soul to God. Psa. 143 : 8 ; 25 : 1 ; 86 : 4.

Lifting up the hands to God. Psa. 141 : 2 ; Lam. 2 : 19.

Lifting up the heart with the hands to God. Lam. 3 : 41.

Lifting up a cry to God. Jer. 7 : 16.

Lifting up the voice to God. Acts 4 : 24.

A whisper. Isa. 26 : 16 (mar.)

Breathing. Lam. 3 : 56.

Telling Jesus. Matt. 14 : 12 ; John 11 : 3. *Cf.* 1 Sam. 8 : 21.

Drawing nigh to God. Jam. 4 : 8.

Casting our care upon Him. 1 Pet. 5 : 7.

VII.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

Gen 18: 23-33. *Abraham's prayer for Sodom.* Answer ver. 26, 28, 30, 31, 32.

19: 19-22. *Lot's prayer* that the little city, Zoar, might be spared. Answer, ver. 22; And He said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken

20: 7-17. *Abraham's prayer for Abimelech* and his household.

25: 21. And Isaac *intreated the Lord for his wife,* because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him—.

Exod. 8: 8-13. Pharaoh intreats Moses that the frogs may be removed from him, and from his people—and *Moses cried unto the Lord,*—and the Lord did according to the word of Moses.

8: 28-31. Pharaoh again says, *Intreat for me,* and Moses *intreated the Lord.* And the Lord did according to the word of Moses, and He removed the swarm of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, there remained not one.

9: 27-33. A third time Pharaoh asks Moses to *Intreat the Lord.* And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and *spread abroad his hands unto the Lord,*

and the thunder and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and he said, . . *Intreat the Lord your God,* that He may take away from me this death only. And he went out from Pharaoh, and *intreated the Lord.* And the Lord turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts. Exod. 10 : 16-19.

It was the duty of the high priest to "*bear the names of the children of Israel before the Lord.*" *Cf.* Ro. 8 : 34 ; Heb. 7 : 25 ; 9 : 24. 28 : 12-29.

Moses' prayer for the children of Israel when they made and worshipped the molten calf. 32 : 11-14.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin, and *now I will go up unto the Lord :* peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And *Moses returned unto the Lord and said,* Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. *Yet, now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin*— ; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book, which Thou hast written. Answer ver. 33, 34. *Cf.* Deut. 9 ; 18, 20 ; Psa. 106 : 23. 32 : 30-32.

The intercession upon the Day of Atonement, prefiguring the intercession of Christ. *Cf.* Heb. 9 : 24 ; Isa. 53 : 12. Lev. 16 : 12, 13.

The burning at Taberah quenched in answer to Moses' prayer. The people cried unto Moses, and when *Moses prayed unto the Lord,* the fire was quenched. Num. 11 : 1, 2.

Moses' prayer for Miriam when she was smitten 12 : 13.

with leprosy. And *Moses cried unto the Lord,* saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee.

Num. 14 : 13-20. The people murmur at the report of the spies. God threatens to destroy them. Moses intercedes for them, "Pardon—the iniquities." And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word.

16 : 21, 22. The prayer of Moses and Aaron for the congregation when God threatened to destroy the people for joining in the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. And *they fell upon their faces and said,* O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt Thou be wroth with all the congregation ?

16: 44-48. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. *And they fell upon their faces.* And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and *put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense,* and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them; for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And *he stood between the dead and the living,* and the plague was stayed.

21 : 4-9. The soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses. . . And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that He take

away the serpents from us. And *Moses prayed for the people.*

They are healed by looking at the serpent of brass. *Cf.* Jer. 15 : 1.

And I *fell down before the Lord,* as at the first, *forty days and forty nights ;* I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also. *Cf.* Ex. 34 : 9-28 ; ver. 25-29 ; ch. 10 ; 10 ; Ex. 32 : 31, 32. Deut. 9 : 18-19.

And the Lord was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him ; and *I prayed for Aaron also the same time.* 9 : 20.

Samuel's intercession for the people. 1st. For forgiveness. 2nd. For deliverance from the Philistines. " *Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel,* and the Lord heard him." *Cf.* Jer. 15 : 1. 1 Sam. 7 : 3-9.

And all the people said unto Samuel, *Pray for thy servants unto the Lord* that we die not ;—and Samuel said, Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord *in ceasing to pray for you.* 12 : 19-23.

And David spake unto the Lord, when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly ; *but these sheep what have they done ?* Let Thine hand, I pray Thee, be against me, and against my father's house *Cf.* 1 Chr. 21: 17. 2 Sam. 24 : 17.

2 Sam. 24 : 25. And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. *So the Lord was intreated for the land,* and the plague was stayed from Israel.

1 Kings 13 : 6 And the king (Jeroboam) answered and said unto the man of God, *Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me,* that my hand may be restored me again. And *the man of God besought the Lord,* and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

2 Chr. 30 : 18-20 For a multitude of the people had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But *Hezekiah prayed for them,* saying, The good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

Ezra 6 : 10 Darius desires the Jews to "*pray* for the life of the king, and of his sons."

Neh. 1 : 4-11. Nehemiah's prayer for the children of Israel: "Let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which *I pray before Thee now, day and night,* for *the children of Israel Thy servants.*"

Esther 4 : 16. Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and *fast ye for me* :—I also and my maidens will fast likewise: and so will I go in unto the king.

Job 1 : 5. Job's intercession for his children. *Thus did Job all the days* (mar.), day by day.

Job's intercession for his friends. "My *servant Job shall pray for you*, for him will I accept." The Lord also accepted Job. Notice also the personal blessing given to Job, when he prayed for his friends. Job. 42 : 7-10.

David's prayer for Solomon. (15) *Prayer also shall be made for him continually.* 1.

Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses, His chosen, *stood before Him in the breach* to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them. 106 : 23.

Jeremiah forbidden to pray for the Jews. "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor pray for them, neither make intercession to Me, for I will not hear thee." *Cf.* ch. 11 : 14; ch. 14 : 11; also, Ex. 32 : 10; God's words to Moses, 'Let Me alone—that I may consume them." Moses' persistence; ver. 11-13; answer, ver. 13 : The Lord repented of the evil which He had thought to do unto His people. Deut. 9 : 14-19. Jer. 7 : 16.

A prayer of Jeremiah for the people at the time of the grievous famine. Answer, ver. 10-12; Pray not for this people. Jeremiah's continuance in prayer, ver. 19-22; answer, ch. 15 : 1. Then said the Lord unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, yet My mind could not be toward this people : cast them out of My sight. Study the promises given to Jeremiah in ch. 32 : 36-44; 33 : 6-26; also, ch. 51 : 5. 14 : 7-9.

Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and *pray unto the* 29 : 7.

Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

Jer. 37 : 1-6. Zedekiah sends to Jeremiah, saying: "*Pray now unto the Lord our God for us.*" Answer, ver. 6-10.

42 : 1-6. Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan, —and all the people from the least even unto the greatest came near, and said unto Jeremiah the prophet—*Pray for us unto the Lord thy God*, even for all this remnant, . . that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we may do. Then Jeremiah said unto them, I have heard you: behold *I will pray unto the Lord your God* according to your words. Answer, ver. 7-22: And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah.

Lam. 2 : 19. Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: *lift up thy hands toward Him for the life of thy young children*, that faint for hunger.

2 : 20-22. Jeremiah intercedes for the misery of the people.

Eze. 9 : 8. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them (ver. 1-8) and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said: *Ah, Lord God! wilt Thou destroy all the residue of Israel* in Thy pouring out of Thy fury upon Jerusalem? Ver. 9, 10: God cannot be intreated for them.

11 : 13. Then fell I upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, *Ah, Lord God! wilt Thou make a*

full end of the remnant of Israel? Answer, ver. 16-31. God shews him His purpose of saving a remnant while punishing the wicked.

Daniel's prayer for the children of the captivity, and for the restoration of Jerusalem. Answer, ver. 20. — Dan. 9 : 3-19.

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, *Spare Thy people, O God,* and give not Thy heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Answer, ver. 18-20. — Joel 2 : 17.

The judgment of the grasshoppers, Amos' prayer. "*O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.* Answer, ver. 3. The Lord repented for this: It shall not be, saith the Lord. — Amos 7 : 1-2.

The judgment of fire, Amos prays again, O Lord God, cease, I beseech Thee: by *whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.* Answer, ver. 6. The Lord repented for this: This shall not be, saith the Lord God. — 7 : 4 5.

The Angel of the Lord intercedes for Jerusalem. Answer, ver. 13-17. — Zech. 1 : 12.

The centurion's prayer for his servant. — Matt. 8 : 5.

The ruler's prayer for his daughter. — 9 : 18.

The woman of Syro-Phœnicia for her daughter. — 15 : 21.

A man for a lunatic son. — 17 : 14.

And they bring unto Him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and *they* — Mark 7 : 32.

beseech Him to put His hand upon him. Answer, ver. 33-35.

Luke 22 : 31. Our Lord's words to Peter—Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; *but I have prayed for thee,* that thy faith fail not.

John 4 : 46-53. The nobleman of Capernaum pleads for his son.

17 : 1-26. Our Saviour's prayer of intercession for His apostles and followers.

Acts 7 : 60. Stephen's prayer for his enemies. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, *Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.* And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

12 : 5. Peter, therefore, was kept in prison, but *prayer was made without ceasing* of the church unto God for him.

Rom. 1 : 9. For God is my witness—that *without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.*

15 : 30. Now, I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that *ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.*

2 Cor. 1 : 11. Ye also helping together *by prayer for us.*

9 : 13-14. They glorify God—*by their prayer for you,* which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

Eph. 1 : 16-19. Wherefore I also—cease not to give thanks for you, *making mention of you in my prayers.*

3 : 16-19. For this cause *I bow my knees* unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—*that He would grant you, etc.*

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and *supplication for all saints, and for me,* that utterance may be given unto me. 6 : 18-19.

Paul's prayer for the Philippians. *Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy.* For God is my record how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1 : 4-8.

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation *through your prayer,* and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 1 : 19.

Paul's prayer for the Colossians. *Praying always for you.* For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, *do not cease to pray for you,* and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will. Col. 1 : 3-9.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal, *praying also for us.* 4 : 2-3.

Epaphras—saluteth you, *always labouring fervently for you in prayers.* 4 : 12.

We give thanks to God always for you all, *making mention of you in our prayers.* 1 Thes. 1 : 2.

We joy for your sakes before our God. Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and *might perfect that which is lacking in your faith.* 3 : 9-13.

Brethren *pray for us.* 5 : 25.

Wherefore also *we pray always for you.* 2 Thes. 1 : 11-12.

Finally, brethren, *pray for us.* 3 : 1.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, *supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men:* for kings, and for all that are in 1 Tim. 2 : 1-3

authority, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

2 Tim. 1 : 3. Without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my *prayers night and day.*

16-18. *The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus* —the Lord grant that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

4 : 16. At my first answer, no man stood with me, but all men forsook me ; I *pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.

Phil. 4. Paul's prayer for Philemon. *Making mention of thee always in my prayers.*

22. But withal prepare me also a lodging, for I trust that *through your prayers* I shall be given unto you.

Heb. 13 : 18. *Pray for us.*

13 : 20-21. Paul's (?) prayer for the Hebrews.

James 5 : 16. *Pray one for another.* The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

John 5 : 16. If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, *he shall ask,* and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.

VIII.

PRAYERS OF QUESTION AND OF COMPLAINT.

Moses complains of his want of eloquence. The promise given him, "I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Moses still hesitates, Aaron is given him as spokesman. Ex. 4: 10-16.

And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast Thou so evil entreated this people? Why is it that Thou hast sent me? for since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he hath done evil to this people, neither hath he delivered Thy people at all. Answer, ch. 6: 1-8: God reneweth His promise by His name JEHOVAH. 5: 22-23.

And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me: how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? Answer, ver. 13. Ex. 6: 12.

The complaint of the Israelites when they saw the Egyptians following them. Moses encourages them. God's instructions to go forward. 14: 10.

And the children of Israel said unto them, *Would to God we had died* by the hand of the Lord *in the land of Egypt*, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full. Answer, ver. 4; *Cf.* ver. 8: the Lord heareth your murmurings *which ye* 16: 3.

murmur against Him; and what are we? *your murmurings are* not against us, but *against the Lord. Cf.* 17 : 2-3.

Num 11 : 4. And the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who will give us flesh to eat? *Cf.* ver. 18 : *Ye have wept in the ears of the Lord.* Answer, ver. 18-20; also, Psa. 106 : 15 : And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

11 : 11-15. And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast Thou afflicted Thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in Thy sight, that Thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? . . . I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if Thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray Thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in Thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness. Answer, ver. 16. God divides the burden with seventy elders.

11 : 21-23 And Moses said, The people among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and Thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? Answer, ver. 23. And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether My word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

Num 11: 1-5, 28 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses

and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, *Would God we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!* Answer, ver. 26-28; And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron saying: I have heard the murmuring of the children of Israel, which they *murmur against Me.* Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will I do to you: your carcases shall fall in this wilderness.

The children of Israel murmur at Zin for want of water. The people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, *Would God we had died* when our brethren died before the Lord. Num. 20: 1-6.

The soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the *people spake against God,* and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?—The plague of the fiery serpents, the remedy. 21: 4-9

Joshua's complaint when the Israelites were smitten at Ai. And Joshua said, *Alas, O Lord God,* wherefore hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies? Answer, ver. 11, 12. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up: wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned—therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies. Josh. 7: 6-9.

Jud. 6 : 13. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, *why then is all this befallen us?* and *where be all His miracles* which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now *the Lord hath forsaken us,* and *delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.* Answer, ver. 14: And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent thee?

Ver. 15. And he said unto Him, *Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel?* behold my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house? Answer, ver. 16.

15-16. And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee.

1 Kings. 17 : 20. And Elijah cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, *hast Thou also brought evil upon the widow* with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? Answer, ver. 21, 22.

19 : 10-14. Elijah's complaint: I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets with the sword; and *I, even I only, am left;* and they seek my life to take it away. Answer, ver. 15-18.

Job. 7 : 11-21. Job's complaint of his own restlessness, and God's watchfulness.

10 : 1-22. Job complains of his afflictions. (Ver. 2.) I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; *shew me wherefore Thou contendest with me.*

Job entreats God to shew him his own sinfulness, and God's purpose in afflicting him. Job 13 : 20-28.

Even to-day is my complaint bitter—Oh that I knew where I might find Him! that I might come even to His seat! 23 : 2-17.

A prayer of complaint in sickness. "I am weak—My bones are vexed—My soul is also sore vexed—I am weary with my groaning—Mine eye is consumed because of grief." Psa. 6 : 1-10.

David complains to God of the wicked. "Why standest Thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?" 10 : 1-18.

David complains of delay in help. "How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?" 13 : 1-6.

David complains in great discouragement, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" Psa. 22 : 1-21.

David complains of his enemies. (Ver. 17.) "Lord, how long wilt Thou look on?" 25 : 11-22.

A prayer of complaint. (2) "Thine arrows stick fast in me, and Thy hand presses me sore." David complains of his miserable condition. 38 : 1-22.

David complains to God of the treachery of his enemies. 41 : 4-9.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation—Why dost Thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 43 : 1-2.

A complaint of the church. "But Thou hast 44 : 9-26.

cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. (24) Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust."

Psa. 54: 1-7. David complains of the Ziphites. (2) "Hear my prayer, O God,—for strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul."

55: 1-23. David complains of his fearful case. "Give ear to my prayer, O God,—(2) I mourn in my complaint and make a noise, because of the voice of the enemy —(4) My heart is sore pained within me—(5) Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me"—Ver. 12-15: He complains of the treachery of Ahithophel.

56: 1-13. David prays and complains of his enemies, "Be merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up—Mine enemies would daily swallow me up."

57: 1-6. David in prayer complains to God of his dangerous case—(4) "My soul is among lions."

59: 1, 6-8. David complains of the cruelty of his enemies.

60: 1-4. A prayer of David. "O God, Thou hast cast us off; Thou hast scattered us; Thou hast been displeased—(3) Thou hast shewed Thy people hard things; Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment."

64: 1-7. David, complaining of his enemies, prays for deliverance.

69: 1-13. David complains of his affliction. "Save me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire—(3) I am weary of my crying."

74: 1-11. A prayer of complaint for the desolation of the

sanctuary. "O God, why hast Thou cast us off for ever? Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture? (11) Why withdrawest Thou Thy hand, even Thy right hand? Pluck it out of Thy bosom." Psa. 77: 7-10.

A prayer of complaint for the desolation of Jerusalem. "O God, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance—(5) How long, Lord? Wilt Thou be angry for ever? Shall Thy jealousy burn like fire?" 79: 1-8.

The psalmist in prayer complains of the miseries of the church. (4) "O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?" 80: 1-19.

A complaint to God of the enemies' conspiracies. "Keep not Thou silence, O God; hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God, For, lo, Thine enemies make a tumult." 83: 1-8.

Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever? Wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations? Wilt Thou not revive us again; that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? 85: 5-6.

David's complaint of the proud. Ver. 17. 86: 14.

A prayer of grievous complaint. "O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee.—For my soul is full of troubles. (14) Lord, why casteth Thou off my soul? Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?" 88: 1-18.

A prayer of complaint of the miseries of the kingdom. "Thou hast cast off and abhorred—(46) How long, Lord? Wilt Thou hide Thyself forever? 89: 38-51.

Shall Thy wrath burn like fire? (49) Lord, where are Thy former loving-kindnesses, which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?"

Psa. 94: 3-6. A complaint of tyranny. "Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces Thy people, O Lord, and afflict Thine heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless."

102: 1-12. A prayer of complaint in affliction. "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee. (3) For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth. My heart is smitten and withered like grass."

109: 1-31. David in prayer complains of his enemies (ver. 1-5) and of his own misery (ver. 22-25), "I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me." His assurance that God would help him, ver. 30-31.

140: 1-5. David complains in prayer of Saul and Doeg.

142: 2. I poured out my complaint before Him, I shewed Him my trouble.

143: 3-4. David complains of his enemies and of his grief.

Isa. 38: 9-15. Hezekiah's complaint in his sickness.

63: 15-19. A complaint of the church. "Where is Thy zeal and Thy strength, the sounding of Thy bowels and of Thy mercies toward me? Are they restrained?"

64: 9-12. The church complains of her affliction.

Jer. 1: 6. Jeremiah's complaint. "Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak, for I am a child." Ans, ver. 7-9.

4: 10. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely Thou hast

greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace: whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

Jeremiah complains that the people refuse to receive instruction. Jer. 5: 3.

Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her? (22) Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? Jer. 8: 19-22.

A complaint of Jeremiah in regard to the prosperity of the wicked. 12: 1-4.

(8) O, the Hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest Thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? 14: 7-9.

Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah? Hath Thy soul loathed Zion? Why hast Thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? Ver. 19.

Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? Wilt Thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail? 15: 18.

Jeremiah complains to God of the misery of Jerusalem. Lam. 2: 20-22.

Also when I cry and shout, He shutteth out my prayer. 3: 8.

Thou hast covered Thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through. 44.

A pitiful complaint of Zion in prayer to God. 5: 1-22.

Jonah complains to God of His mercy to Nineveh. Jonah 4: 2.

Habakkuk's complaint. "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and Thou wilt not hear? even cry out unto Thee of violence, and Thou wilt not save!" Hab. 1: 1-4.

IX.

SPECIAL SIGNS GIVEN IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Gen. 15 : 8-15. The Sign and Vision given to Abraham in confirmation of the promise of Canaan. "And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

24 : 12-14. Abraham's servant prays for a sign whereby he may know the damsel whom God appointed to be Isaac's wife. Study ver. 15-27, 50-52.

Josh. 10 : 12-14. The Sun and Moon stand still in answer to Joshua's prayer.

Jud. 6 : 17-24. In answer to Gideon's request for a sign, his present is consumed with fire.

6 : 36-40. Gideon's signs of the fleece.

1 Sam. 12 : 16-18. Thunder and rain sent in harvest time in answer to Samuel's prayer.

I Kings 17 : 1 with Jam. 5 : 17 The drought, and afterwards rain, sent in answer to Elijah's prayer.

1 Kings 18 : 36-38. Elijah's sacrifice consumed by fire from heaven in answer to his prayer, that the people might know that God was the Lord.

2 Kings 20 : 8-11. The sun goes ten degrees backward for a sign that Hezekiah's life is to be lengthened.

Psa. 86 : 17. Shew me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it.

X.

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

The Patriarchal Blessings are examples of prayer for both Spiritual and Temporal Blessings. *Cf.* Gen. 14 : 19; 28 : 3, 4; 47 : 7, 10; 48 : 15, 16; 49 : 3-28; Deut. 33 : 1-29.

Moses' prayers. (1) If I have found grace in Thy sight, *shew me now Thy way*, that I may know Thee? Answer, ver. 14. (2) If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. Answer, ver. 17. (3) I beseech Thee, *shew me Thy glory*. Answer, ver. 19-23. Ex. 33 : 12-18.

Let my Lord, I pray Thee, go among us—Pardon our iniquity and our sin—Take us for Thine inheritance. Answer, ver. 10. 34 : 9.

The blessing for the people, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee," etc. Num. 6 : 24-26.

Solomon's prayer, "Give, therefore, Thy servant an understanding heart." 1 Kings 3 : 9.

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. *Cf.* ver. 29, 30, 36, 50, 57, 58. 8 : 22-51.

A prayer of David's. 1 Chr. 29 : 18-19.

(1) For the people—"Keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Thy people, and prepare their way before Thee."

(2) For Solomon—"Give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Thy commandments. *Cf.* ch.

22 : 12. "Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding" *Cf.* 1 Kings 3 : 9-12; 4 : 29; 5 : 12; 10 : 24.

Psa. 4 : 6. Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

5 : 8. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness—Make Thy way straight before my face.

17 : 5. Hold up my goings in Thy path, that my footsteps slip not.

19 : 12-13. Cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me.

25 : 4. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.

5. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me. Also ver. 7, 11, 18, 20.

27 : 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple. Also ver. 9-11.

35 : 3. Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation.

43 : 3. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me: Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill. and to Thy tabernacles.

51 : 1-19. A prayer for pardon and sanctification. "Have mercy upon me, O God—Blot out my transgressions—ver. 1-7, 9. (8) Make me to hear joy and gladness:—(10) Create in me a clean heart, O God. and renew a right spirit within me.

(11) Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

(12) Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

(15) O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise."

O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; *to see Thy power* and *Thy glory*, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary. Psa. 63: 1-2.

A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom —"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." 67: 1-2.

Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort. 71: 3.

Wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation. 85: 6-7.

Preserve my soul—(4) Rejoice the soul of Thy servant. 86: 2-4.

(11) Teach me Thy way, O Lord—Unite my heart to fear Thy name.

(16) Give Thy strength unto Thy servant.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy—(16) Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. 90: 14-[illegible]

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. 119: 18.

Quicken me. *Cf.* ver. 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159. 25

Psa.
26. Teach me Thy statutes. *Cf.* ver. 33, 64, 68, 124, 135.
27. Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts. *Cf.* ver. 34, 73, 125, 144, 169.
28. Strengthen Thou me according to Thy word.
29. Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me Thy law graciously.
35. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments.
36. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
41. Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even Thy salvation. Ver. 77.
43. Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth.
49. Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.
58. I intreated Thy favour with my whole heart; be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.
66. Teach me good judgment and knowledge. Ver. 108.
76. Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort.
80. Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes.
94. I am Thine, *save me.* Ver. 146.
116. Uphold me according unto Thy word—and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117. Hold Thou me up and I shall be safe.
122. Be surety for Thy servant for good.
124. Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy.
132. Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me.
133. Order my steps in Thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant. Psa. 135.

Hear my voice according unto Thy loving-kindness, O Lord. 149.

Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord. 169.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thy judgments help me. 175.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant. 176.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in Thy way everlasting. 139: 23-24

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing. 141: 3-4.

Hear me speedily, O Lord:—Hide not Thy face from me.—Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning.—Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk,—Hide me with Thee (mar.), Teach me to do Thy will.—Lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake; for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. 143: 7-11.

The desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee. With my soul have I desired Thee in the night. Isa. 26: 8-9.

O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years—in wrath remember mercy. Hab. 3: 2.

And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. Lu. 17: 5.

Lu. 23 : 42. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Acts 4 : 23-30. The prayer of the apostles for courage to speak the word with all boldness.

8 : 14. Peter and John pray that the brethren at Samaria may receive the Holy Ghost.

Rom. 10 : 1. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel *is that they might be saved.*

16 : 20. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *Cf.* ver. 24; 1 Cor. 16: 23; 2 Cor. 16: 14; Gal. 6: 18; Phil. 4: 23; 1 Thes. 5: 28; 2 Thes. 3: 18; 2 Tim. 4: 22; Philemon 25.

Eph. 1 : 15-19. Wherefore I also—cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory (17) May give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him;

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

And what the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe.

3 : 14-19. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—that He would grant you —To be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man,

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith:

That ye—may be able to comprehend—what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and

To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Pray for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. *Cf.* Col. 4 : 3. Eph. 6 : 19.

And this I pray that your love may abound yet more and more—That ye may approve things that are excellent. That ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ—Being filled with the fruits of the Spirit. Phil. 1 : 9-11.

For this cause we also—do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that— Col. 1 : 9-12.

Ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will—That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing—fruitful in every good work—increasing in the knowledge of God—strengthened—unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness—giving thanks unto the Father.

Epaphras—always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 4 : 12.

Night and day praying exceedingly that we might—perfect that which is lacking in your faith. (12) And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men— 1 Thes. 3 : 10-12.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly ; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 : 22.

2 Thes. 1 : 11, 12. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him.

2 : 16, 17. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father—comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

3 : 1. Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified:

5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

16. Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Philemon 4 : 6. I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers—that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Heb. 13 : 20, 21 Now the God of peace—Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

The prayer of Abraham's servant for success in his journey. Gen. 24 : 12.

And they blessed Rebekah, and said : Be thou the mother of thousands of millions. 60.

Isaac's blessing for Jacob—God give thee—dew—fatness of the earth—plenty of corn and wine—Let people serve thee—Be lord over thy brethren. 27 : 27-30.

Isaac blesses Jacob, and sends him to Padan-Aram—The Lord God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee—and give thee the blessing of Abraham—that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger. 28 : 3, 4.

A son given to Leah, in answer to her prayer. 30 : 17.

Rachel's prayer for a son. 22.

Jacob's prayer for the sons of Joseph. *Cf.* Heb. 11 : 21. 48:9,14-16

Jacob blesses his twelve sons : (ver. 25) blessings of heaven above—blessings of the deep—blessing of the breast, and of the womb. 49 : 1-28.

Note—The patriarchal blessings included prayer as well as prophecy.

And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered ; and let them that hate Thee flee Nu. 10 : 35, 36.

before Thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.

Deut. 3 : 23. Moses' prayer to be allowed to enter the promised land.

33 : 6-75. Moses blesses the twelve tribes.

Ruth 1 : 8-9. Naomi's prayer for her daughters-in-law. The Lord grant that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband.

2 : 12. Boaz blesses Ruth—The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel.

4 : 11, 12. The blessing of the people of Bethlehem for the prosperity of Boaz and Ruth.

1 Sam. 1 : 10. Hannah's prayer for a son. Answer, vers. 19, 27.

2 : 20. Eli's prayer for Elkanah and Hannah—The Lord give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the Lord. *Cf.* ver. 21.

2 Sam. 7 : 29. David's prayer for the continuance of his house.

1 Kings 1 : 36, 37. Benaiah's prayer for Solomon's prosperity as king.

8 : 59. Solomon's petition that God would maintain the cause of his people, and "the things of a day in his day" (mar.)—Study the petitions in vers. 31-54.

18 : 41-45. Elijah's prayer for rain.

1 Chr. 4 : 10. Jabez' prayer — Enlarge my coast—keep me from evil that it may not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested.

Ezra. 8 : 21-23. Ezra's prayer for a safe journey for himself and his companions from Babylon to Jerusalem. *Cf.* vers. 31, 32.

Neh. 1 : 11. Nehemiah's prayer. Prosper, I pray Thee, Thy

servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (Artaxerxes.) *Cf.* ch. 2 : 8.

Nehemiah's prayer when Sanballat tried to weaken his hands—Now therefore, my God, strengthen my hands. Neh. 6 : 9.

David prays for protection from his enemies—keep me as the apple of the eye. Psa. 17 : 8, 9.

The church prays for the king in his exploits. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble—defend thee—send thee help—strengthen thee. 20 : 1-5.

David prays for his own safety. 35 : 1.

Thou hast delivered my soul from death; wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling? 56 : 13.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. Ver. 18. 71 : 9.

Shew me a token for good. 86 : 17.

Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us. 90 : 17.

The people asked, and He brought quails—*Cf.* Ex. 16 : 3; Psa. 106 : 15. 105 : 40.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— 122 : 6.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. 126 : 4.

David prays for the happy state of the kingdom. Psa. 144 : 12-14

Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. 6 : 11

Zacharias' prayer for a son. Lu. 1 : 13.

Paul's prayer for a prosperous journey to Rome. Ro. 1 : 10.

Paul's request to the Romans to pray that he might "be delivered from them that do not believe in Judæa," that the service he had undertaken might be accepted by the saints, that he might 15 : 30-31.

come unto them with joy by the will of God, and with them be refreshed. *Cf.* ver. 23.

2 Cor. 9 : 10, 11. Paul's prayer that the Corinthians might be blessed with temporal blessings and that they might increase in liberality to the saints.

1 Thes. 3 : 9. Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face. *Cf.* ch. 2 : 17.

2 Thes. 3 : 1, 2. Brethren, pray for us,—that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men.

1 Tim. 2 : 2 We are to pray that, "we may lead a quiet and peaceable life."

Jam. 1 : 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.

1 Pet. 5 : 7 Casting all your care upon Him.

3 John 2. Beloved, I pray (mar.) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE AND BODILY HEALING.

Abimelech and his household healed in answer to Abraham's prayer. Gen. 20 : 17, 18

Moses' prayer for Miriam when she was struck with leprosy. Nu. 12 : 13

A plague breaks out among the people, Aaron by incense stays it. *Incense.* *Cf.* Ex. 30 : 7, 8 ; Rev. 8 : 3 : a figure of the intercession of Christ. 16 : 46-48.

The Lord sent fiery serpents—Moses' prayer. The remedy. 21 : 6, 9.

David's prayer for his sick child. 2 Sam. 12 : 16.

Jeroboam's hand restored to him in answer to the prayer of the man of God. 1 Kings 13 : 6.

Elijah's prayer that the widow's child might be restored to life. Answer. The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 17 : 21,22.

The son of the Shunammite woman raised from the dead in answer to Elisha's prayer. 2 Kings 4 : 32-36.

Hezekiah's sickness and restoration to health in answer to his and Isaiah's prayer. *Cf.* Isa. 38. 20 : 1-7.

King Asa in his illness "sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians." 2 Chr. 16 : 12.

Prayers of Job to be delivered from his bodily distress. Job 10 : 20. 14 : 5 6.

A prayer of David in sickness, and wakefulness. Psa. 6 : 1-10.

Psa.
21 : 4. He (the king) asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him.

25 : 18. Look upon mine affliction, and my pain.

38 : 1-22. David prays in sickness.

39 : 13. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

41 : 4-10. David prays in weakness and depression.

102 : 23, 24 He weakened my strength in the way, He shortened my days; I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days.

107 : 15-20 God hears and answers the prayer of sick men.

116 : 3, 4-6 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.—I was brought low, and He helped me.

Matt.
8 : 2, 3. The prayer of the leper, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. *Cf.* Mark 1 : 40; Luke 5 : 12.

8 : 5. The centurion's prayer for his servant. *Cf.* Luke 7 : 1-10.

8 : 14. Prayer for Peter's wife's mother. Mark 1 : 29-31; Luke 4 : 38. "They *tell Him* of her." They besought Him for her.

9 : 18. The ruler's prayer for his daughter. *Cf.* Mark 5 : 22; Luke 8 : 41.

9 : 20. The woman who "*touched the hem* of His garment." *Cf.* Mark 5 : 25; Luke 8 : 43.

Matt.
9 : 27. Two blind men followed Him, *crying, and saying,* Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

14 : 35. They sent out into all that country round about,

and brought unto Him all that were diseased, and *besought Him* that they might only touch the hem of His garment; and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

The prayer of the Syro-phenician woman for her daughter. *Cf.* Mark 7 : 25-30. Matt. 15 : 21-28.

A man prays for his lunatic son. *Cf.* Mark 9 : 14; Luke 9 : 37. 17 : 14-18.

The prayer of the two blind men who sat by the wayside near Jericho. *Cf.* Mark 10 : 45; Luke 18 : 35. 20 : 30-34.

And they bring unto Him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and *they beseech* Him to put His hand upon him. Mark 7 : 32.

They bring a blind man unto him, and *besought* Him to touch Him. 8 : 22.

The prayer of the ten lepers, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Lu. 17 : 12

The prayer of the nobleman of Capernaum for his son. John 4 : 47.

Martha and Mary sent for Jesus when Lazarus was ill, saying, Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick. 11 : 1-3.

Dorcas restored to life in answer to Peter's prayer. Acts. 9 : 36-43.

The father of Publius restored to health in answer to Paul's prayer. 28 : 8.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick. Jam. 5 : 14-15

Beloved, I pray (marg.) above all things that thou mayest prosper and *be in health.* 3 John 2.

XIII.

PRAYERS FOR DEATH.

Nu. 11: 12-17. Moses, feeling the burden of all the people too heavy, prays for death. Seventy of the elders of Israel are appointed to help him.

14:2-28,29 The children of Israel, discouraged at the report brought back by the spies, pray for death. Answer. As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you. *Cf.* ch. 20 : 3.

1 Kings 19 : 4. Elijah, discouraged and weary of life, prays for death; is comforted and strengthened by an angel. *Cf.* 2 Kings 2 : 1-11.

Job 6: 8, 9. A prayer of Job for death. *Cf.* ch. 42 : 12-17.

Jonah 4: 3, 11. Jonah, repining at God's mercy, prays for death; is reproved by the type of a gourd.

Lu. 2: 27-32. Simeon's prayer after he had seen the infant Jesus, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace."

XIV.

PRAYERS FOR DIRECTION, AND IN TIMES OF DISTRESS AND PERPLEXITY.

God's words to Hagar when she fled from Sarai, "I have *heard thy affliction.*" The name Ishmael signifies, "God shall hear." — Gen. 16: 11.

Hagar and Ishmael prayed when likely to die of thirst in the wilderness. "God *heard the voice of the lad.*" — 21: 14-19.

Jacob's prayer when he heard Esau was coming to meet him. *Cf.* ch. 33. — 32: 9-13.

The children of Israel *sigh* and *cry* in their bondage. "Their cry came up unto God, by reason of the bondage." "And God heard their groanings." *Cf.* ch. 3: 7. — Ex. 2: 23, 24. with Nu. 20: 16.

The children of Israel when followed by the Egyptians are sore afraid and *cry out unto the Lord.* — Ex. 14: 10-15.

The children of Israel come to Marah, where the water is bitter—Moses cries unto the Lord. — 15: 23-25.

Again at Rephidim there is no water, the people murmur, Moses in distress cries unto the Lord. — 17: 1-5.

Amalek is overcome by the holding up of Moses' hands. — 17: 10, 11.

Moses prays for the people at the burning of Taberah. — Nu. 11: 1, 2.

Nu. 11: 11-15. Moses' prayer when he felt the burden of the people too heavy for him.

Nu 14: 1-5. When Moses and Aaron heard the murmurings of the children of Israel when the spies returned they "*fell on their faces* before all the assembly of the children of Israel."

16: 1-4. The rebellion of Koran, Dathan and Abiram. "When Moses heard it he *fell upon his face.*"

20: 1-13. At Zin, where there was no water, the children of Israel murmur—And Moses and Aaron went into the door of the tabernacle—and *fell upon their faces.*

27: 1-5. The daughters of Zelophehad sue for an inheritance—*Moses bringeth their cause before the Lord.*

Deut. 21: 1-8. The prayer and expiation at the time of an uncertain murder.

Josh. 7: 1-9. Joshua's prayer when the Israelites were smitten at Ai.

9: 14. The Israelites make a mistake in receiving the Gibeonites *before asking counsel of the Lord.*

Jud. 1: 1, 2. After the death of Joshua, the Israelites ask the Lord which tribe should go up first to fight against the Canaanites.

3: 8, 9. The children of Israel being in bondage to the king of Mesopotamia, cry unto the Lord. Othniel is raised up to deliver them.

3: 12-15. The Israelites being in bondage to the Moabites, cry unto the Lord—are delivered by Ehud.

Jud. 4: 1-3. The children of Israel are sold into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan, *they cry unto the Lord*, and are delivered by Deborah and Barak.

Israel greatly impoverished by the Midianites, *cries unto the Lord*—Gideon is sent to deliver them. Jud. 6: 6-8.

The children of Israel *cry unto the Lord* when oppressed by the Philistines and Ammonites. God sendeth them to their false gods; upon their repentance He pitieth them, and delivereth them by the hand of Jephthah. 10: 7-16.

Manoah intreats the Lord that a man of God may be sent to teach his wife and him how to train the child that was to be born. *Cf.* ver. 9. 13: 8.

Samson was sore athirst, and called on the Lord —a fountain opened in the jaw-bone of an ass with which he had smitten the Philistines. 15: 18, 19.

Samson's prayer for revenge upon the Philistines when they brought him forth to mock him. 16: 27-30.

The children of Israel ask counsel of the Lord in regard to fighting against Benjamin. Study ver. 18, 23, 26, 27. 20: 18, 23-28.

The prayer of the children of Israel about the desolation of Benjamin. 21: 1-3.

Hannah, in bitterness of soul, and weeping sore, prays for a son. 1 Sam. 1: 10-17.

The people, terrified by the Philistines, who had come up against them at Mizpeh, ask Samuel to pray for deliverance. 7: 7-10.

Samuel, troubled and displeased when the people ask a king, prays unto the Lord. 8: 6.

When they sought him, (Saul), he could not be found. Therefore they enquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And 10: 21-22.

the Lord answered, "Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff."

1 Sam. 14: 36, 37. Saul asks counsel of the Lord, "Shall I go down after the Philistines?"

15: 10, 11. Samuel grieved about Saul, cries unto the Lord all night.

23: 1-4. David enquires of the Lord what course to take against the Philistines.

28: 5-6. Saul, afraid of the Philistines, enquires of the Lord, but receives no answer. *Cf.* ver. 15: ch. 18-12.

30: 6-8. The Amalekites spoil Ziklag in the absence of David and his followers. Upon their return, his men speak of stoning him. David encourages himself in, and taketh counsel of the Lord.

2 Sam. 2: 1. David asks God if he is to go up to any of the cities of Judah, and to which.

5: 17-25. David enquires of the Lord if he is to go up against the Philistines.

12: 15-17. David's prayer when his child lay ill.

2 Sam. 15: 31. David, hearing that Ahithophel has joined the conspirators, prays that his counsel may be turned into foolishness. *Cf.* ch. 16 : 23 ; 17 : 14, 23.

21: 1. David enquires of the Lord the reason of the famine.

1 Kings 8: 22-53. Solomon's prayer. Ver. 31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 44.

19: 2, 4. Elijah's prayer when he fled from Jezebel.

22: 4, 5. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, after agreeing to go up with Ahab, king of Israel, against Ramoth-Gilead, asks him to enquire of the Lord.

2 Kings 3: 4-11. Jehoram, Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom

unite against the king of Moab; they are distressed for want of water. Jehoshaphat, wishing to enquire of the Lord through one of the prophets, goes with Jehoram to Elisha.

The king of Syria sends to take Elisha. Elisha prays that the eyes of his servant, who is very much afraid, may be opened, and that the men sent to take him may be smitten with blindness. 2 Kings 6: 14-18.

Ben-hadad, king of Syria, sends to Elisha, asking him to enquire of the Lord for him, regarding his illness. 8: 7, 8.

Jehoahaz prays for Israel for deliverance from the oppression of the king of Syria. 13: 3-5.

Hezekiah, threatened by Sennacherib, goes into the house of the Lord, and spreads out the letter before the Lord. 19: 1-4, 14.

Josiah sends to Huldah, asking her to enquire of the Lord concerning the book which had been found in the house of the Lord. 22: 8-13.

The Hagarites cry unto God in battle, and are helped. 1 Chr. 5: 18-20.

David's prayer and sacrifice when the pestilence was raging in his kingdom. 21: 26.

Judah and Israel were at war in the days of Abijah and Jeroboam. Judah in distress cried unto the Lord, and was helped. 2 Chr. 13: 13-18.

Asa's prayer when the Ethiopians come up against him—"Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help." 14: 11, 12.

After a spiritual famine, Judah in the reign of Asa seek the Lord in their trouble, and are found of Him. 15: 3, 4.

2 Chr. 18: 30, 31. Jehoshaphat, pursued by the Syrians in battle, cries unto the Lord, and is helped.

20: 1-13. Judah, threatened by the children of Moab and Ammon, in the reign of Jehoshaphat, gather together to ask help of the Lord—Jehoshaphat's prayer; ver. 5-13. Answer—ver. 14-30. (Notice the reference to God's promise to Solomon; ver. 9.)

24: 21, 22. The prayer of Zechariah the priest when he was stoned by the commandment of king Joash. "The Lord look upon it and require it." *Cf.* Luke 23: 34; Acts 7: 60.

33: 12, 13. Manasseh's prayer and repentance in his affliction.

Ezra 8: 21-23. Ezra proclaims a fast and asks a "right way" for himself and the children of the captivity who are returning to Jerusalem. *Cf.* ver. 31.

9: 1-15. Ezra's mourning and prayer about the marriages of the Jews with the heathen.

Neh. 1: 4-11. Nehemiah's prayer when he hears of the misery of Jerusalem. (Notice how he pleads the promise given to Moses in Lev. 26: 33-39.)

2: 4. Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

4: 4, 5-9. While the enemies scoff, Nehemiah prays and continues the work. "We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch."

6: 9-14. Nehemiah's prayer when the enemies sought to weaken his hands.

Esther 4: 15-16. The intercession of the Jews for Esther before she presented her supplication to the king.

Job 1: 20, 21. Job's prayer in his trouble. "The Lord gave," etc.

	Job
Job's prayer of distress. "I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul."	7: 11-21. 10: 1-22.
Another prayer of Job's in his affliction. "I will speak in the bitterness of my soul."	13: 21-28.
Job prays again in his distress. He intreats to know his own sin, and God's purpose in afflicting him.	14: 1-22.
	Psa.
A prayer of David when he fled from Absalom. 2 Sam. 15: 14.	3: 1-8.
A prayer of David in sickness.	6: 1-10.
A prayer of David concerning the words of Cush. *Cf.* 2 Sam. 16: 5.	7: 1-17.
Consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me.	9: 13.
David complains of the outrage of the wicked, and prays for help.	10: 1-18.
David, destitute of human comfort, craves help of God.	12: 1-5.
A prayer of David when help seemed delayed.	13: 1-6.
David, compassed by his enemies, asks help of God. Ver. 8-9.	17: 1-15.
I will call upon the Lord—so shall I be saved from mine enemies. (6) In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God; He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him.	18: 3-6.
David prays in great discouragement and distress. Ver. 24. When he, the afflicted, cried unto Him, He heard.	22: 1-30.

Psa.

25: 15-22. A prayer of David when desolate, and afflicted, and when the troubles of his heart were enlarged.

28: 1-3. A prayer of David for deliverance from the influence of the wicked.

31: 9-22. A prayer of David when in trouble and discouraged by his enemies. "My life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength faileth." Ver. 22. "I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes; nevertheless, Thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto Thee."

31: 4-6-17. David prayed when in fear, and was delivered; in trouble, and was saved—(ver. 17). "The righteous cry—the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

35: 1-28. David, oppressed by his enemies, prays for safety

38: 1-22. A prayer of David when ill, discouraged, and feeling the burden of his sins and loneliness.

39: 10-13. A prayer of David in sickness.

40: 11-17. David, compassed by "innumerable evils," feeling the burden of sin and the oppression of his enemies, prays for deliverance.

41: 5-13. David complains of his enemies, especially of Ahithophel's treachery, and asks help of God.

42, 43. Prayers of David when cut off from the temple. (42-6) "My soul is cast down within me, therefore will I remember Thee."

A prayer of the church in time of trouble.

44: 1-26
54: 1-7. A prayer of David when the Ziphims told Saul where he was hiding. *Cf.* 1 Sam. 23: 19; 26: 1.

55: 1-23. David prays in great distress because of his

enemies, especially of Ahithophel's treachery. 2 Sam. 15: 31; Psa. 49: 1.

A prayer of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath. *Cf.* 1 Sam. 21: 11. (ver. 9) "*When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back:* this I know, for God is for me." Psa. 56: 1-13.

A prayer of David when he fled from Saul in the cave. *Cf.* 1 Sam. 22: 1; 24: 3; Psa. 142. 57: 1-11.

A prayer of David when Saul sent to kill him. 1 Sam. 19: 11. 59: 1-17.

A prayer of David when he fought aginst Hadadezer and the Syrians. *Cf.* 2 Sam. 8: 3-13. 60: 1-12.

A prayer of David when his heart was overwhelmed. 61: 1-8.

A prayer of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah, and cut off from the sanctuary. *Cf.* Psa. 42: 43; 1 Sam. 22: 5; 23: 14, 15. 63: 1-11.

David prays for deliverance from his enemies. 64: 1-7.

A prayer of David in affliction. "Save me, O God, for the waters are come into my soul." (17) "I am in trouble." (20) "I am full of heaviness." 69: 1-36.

Prayer of David for deliverance from the wicked. Psa. 71: 3, 4, 10. 70: 1-5. 71: 1-24.

A prayer of complaint of the desolation of the sanctuary. "O God, why hast Thou cast us off?" ver. 10, 11, 19-23. 74: 1-23.

I cried unto God with my voice—and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord. 77: 1-12.

When He slew them, then they sought Him; and they returned and enquired early after God. 78: 34.

Psa.
79 : 1-13. A prayer for the deliverance of Jerusalem when desolated by the enemies. Ver. 1, 8, 9, 11.

80 : 1-19. The psalmist prays for the church's deliverance from misery. (ver. 3) "Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved."

81 : 7. Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee.

83 : 1-18. A prayer when the enemies were conspiring against, and oppressing the church.

84 : 1, 2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. *Cf.* Psa. 42 : 43 : 63.

85 : 1-13. The psalmist in a time of trouble prays for the continuance of former mercies. Ver. 4-7.

86 : 1-7. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee; for Thou wilt answer me. (ver. 14-17) David asks to be delivered from the proud and violent men.

88 : 1-18. A prayer of David when his soul was full of trouble and loneliness. Ver. 8, 18.

89 : 38-52. The psalmist prays about the miserable condition of the kingdom.

94 : 1-7. A prayer complaining of tyranny, and asking for God's justice.

102 : 1-28. The psalmist prays when overwhelmed and in great trouble. Complains of his miserable condition, and loneliness, of his enemies and the shortness of his life.

106 : 43-46 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry. Study the context. *Cf.* Jud. 3 : 9 ; 4 : 3 ; 6 : 7.

107 : 1-30. A psalm of thanksgiving for help given in answer to prayer to, Travellers—Captives—Sick men—Seamen.

Psa.

Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man. 108 : 12.

A psalm of David complaining of the slander of his enemies, and of his own misery. 109 : 1-31.

David tells how he called upon God when he (3) "found trouble and sorrow," and (6) "was brought low." "He helped me." 116 : 1-8.

I called upon the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. 118 : 5.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me. 119 : 25.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me. 119 : 28.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord. 119 : 107.

Deliver me from the oppression of man. 119 : 134.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me. Vers. 154, 170. 119 : 153.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep, seek Thy servant. 119 : 176.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and He heard me. 1 Sam. 21 : 7; 22 : 9; Psa. 140. 120 : 1, 2.

A prayer for deliverance from the scorning of those who are at ease, and the contempt of the proud. 123 : 1, 4.

A prayer of the church, "Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south." 126 : 4.

A prayer, "Out of the depths." 130 : 1-8.

In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. 138 : 3.

David prays to be delivered from Saul and Doeg. *Cf.* Psa. 120; 1 Sam. 21 : 7; 23 : 9. 140 : 1-13.

Psa. 141 : 7-10. David prays that his life may be delivered from the snares of the enemy.

142 : 1-7. A prayer of David when he was in the cave. *Cf.* Ps. 57 ; 1 Sam. 22 : 1 ; 24 : 3. (2) "I poured out my complaint before Him ; I shewed before Him my trouble."

143 : 1-12. A prayer of David when desolate, and overwhelmed by the oppression of the enemy.

144 : 7-11. David prays to be delivered from his enemies.

Isa. 26 : 16-18. Lord, in trouble have they visited Thee, they poured out a prayer when Thy chastening was upon them.

33 : 2. O Lord, be gracious unto us ; we have waited for Thee ; be Thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

38 : 9. Hezekiah's prayer in his sickness. "O Lord, I am oppressed ; undertake for me."

63 : 15-19. Prayers of the church in times of trouble and affliction.

64 : 9-12. Zion is a wilderness, (10) Jerusalem a desolation.

Jer. 10 : 23-25. A prayer of Jeremiah that God would correct him in judgment, not in anger.

11 : 19,20. Jeremiah prays for God's vengeance upon his enemies who sought to kill him. "*Unto Thee have I revealed my cause.*"

14 : 7-9. Jeremiah's prayer at the time of the grievous famine.

14 : 17-22. Jeremiah prays for the people in their misery.

Jer. 15 : 15-18. Jeremiah threatened by the Jews, prays—"*O Lord, Thou knowest.*"

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved. Jer. 17: 13, 14.

A prayer of Jeremiah when the Jews conspired against him. (23) Yet, Lord, *Thou knowest all their counsel against me, to slay me.* 18: 18-23.

A prayer of Jeremiah complaining of contempt and treachery. (12) *Unto Thee have I opened my cause.* 20: 7-13.

Zedekiah, when Nebuchadrezzar made war against Jerusalem, sends to Jeremiah asking him to enquire of the Lord to deal well with the people. 21: 1, 2.

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus: Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: Turn Thou me, and I shall be turned, for Thou art the Lord my God. 31: 18.

Jeremiah when imprisoned, is directed to buy Hanameel's field, and to deliver the evidence of the purchase to Baruch. "Ah, Lord God,—there is nothing too hard for Thee." 32: 16-25.

The Egyptians having raised the siege of the Chaldeans, king Zedekiah sends to Jeremiah, asking him to pray for the people. 37: 1-7.

Johanan desires Jeremiah to pray for the remnant "that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do." 42: 1-3.

Zion's prayer in her affliction. Lam. 1: 18-22.

Jeremiah calls upon the people to pray to God in their misery—"Pour out thine heart like water." 2: 18, 19.

Lam. 2 : 20-22. Jeremiah himself prays about the distress and misery.

3 : 55-66. A prayer for deliverance. "I called upon Thy name, O Lord, out of the low dungeon—(56) Hide not Thine ear at my breathing, at my cry."

5 : 1-22. A prayer of Zion's in distress.

Dan. 2 : 16-18. Daniel and his companions pray that the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream may be revealed to them. Answer, ver. 19.

6 : 10. Daniel, notwithstanding the decree of Darius, continues to pray.

Hos. 5 : 15. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence and seek My face : *in their affliction, they will seek Me early.*

Joel 1 : 14-20. The desolation of the land. (19) "O Lord, to Thee will I cry, for the fire hath devoured the pastures."

2 : 12-17. In the time of great desolation, a general fast and time of prayer are proclaimed—(ver. 17) Let the priests—weep—and let them say, "Spare Thy people, O Lord." Answer, ver. 18.

Jonah 1 : 14. The prayer of the sailors when Jonah begged them to cast him into the sea. "We beseech Thee, O Lord, we beseech Thee, let us not perish for this man's life."

2 : 1-9. Jonah's prayer when in the whale's belly.

Matt. 14 : 28-31. Peter's prayer when walking on the water, and beginning to sink—"Lord, save me."

Acts 1 : 23-26. And they appointed two—and prayed, and said, Thou Lord, shew whether of these two Thou hast chosen.

The prayer of the church when Peter and John were forbidden to preach—Answer, ver. 31. Acts 4 : 23-30.

Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church, unto God for him. *Cf.* ver. 12. 12 : 5.

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed—(in the prison). 16 : 25.

Paul's prayer for the removal of the thorn in his flesh. Answer, ver. 9. 2 Cor. 12 : 7-9.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God. 1 : 5.

Is any among you afflicted ? let him pray. James 5 : 13.

XV.

PRAYER AND SACRIFICE.

All intercession is founded upon atonement.

Heb. 11 : 6. *Prayer* in the widest sense *is simply "Coming to God."* In Old Testament times this was by sacrifice, prefiguring the atonement of Christ; under the new covenant we "enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus;" by Him alone have we "access unto the Father."

10 : 19.

Eph. 2 : 18.

Gen. 4 : 3, 4. with Heb. 11 : 4. "And Abel—brought of the firstlings of his flock—And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering." By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

Gen. 8 : 20, 21. And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord—and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour.

12 : 8. He (Abraham) *builded an altar* unto the Lord, and *called upon the name of the Lord.* Ch. 13 : 14.

22 : 5. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here—and I and the lad will go yonder and *worship.* *Cf.* ver. 4-13.

26 : 25. And he (Isaac) builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord.

Ex. 25 : 8. First the Tabernacle, afterwards the Temple, where God had promised to meet His people, was the "House of Prayer"; *Cf.* Isa. 56 : 7; Matt. 21 :

13. The only way into the house of God was past the altar of burnt sacrifice, Ex. 29 : 42 ; the fire upon which was never allowed to go out, Lev. 6 : 9-13.

The altar of burnt offering, and the daily offering, (43) "there will I meet with the children of Israel." *Cf.* Num. 20 : 6 ; Josh. 7 : 6 ; Jud. 20 : 18, 23, 26 ; 21 : 2 ; Isa. 37 : 14, 15 ; Zech. 7 : 2 ; Jer. 7 : 2 ; 26 : 2. Ex. 27 : 1. with 29 : 38-43.

The High Priest, whose office it was to intercede for the people, could not enter the most "holy place," to appear before God for them *without blood.* *Cf.* Heb. 9 : 7, 12, 24, 26. 28 : 12-29, 30. with Lev. 16 : 2.

The institution of daily worship to which Israel was called. *Cf.* Num. 28 : 1-28. Ex. 29 : 38-43.

Incense symbolized. 30 : 1-10.

(1) *The intercession of Christ.* *Cf.* Rev. 8 : 3-5 ; Num. 16 : 46-50.

(2) *The prayers of saints.* Rev. 5 : 8 ; Psa. 141 : 1, 2 ; Gen. 8 : 21, 22.

In this book are given the rules regarding the sacrifices and offerings. Every true sacrifice was a prayer. Notice : Lev

(1) *The offering was to be brought "unto"* or "*before" the Lord*—Common to all sacrifices.

(2) *The putting of the hand upon the head of the victim.*—Common to animal sacrifices.

(3) *Confession.* *Cf.* 1 John 1 : 9.—Common to trespass and sin offerings.

Public worship. Num. 28 : 1-28. 29 : 1-38.

1. The daily sacrifice. Ver. 3, 8.

2. The Sabbath offering. Ver. 9, 10; Acts 15: 21.

3. The offerings at the beginning of each month. Ver. 11-15.

4. The Passover. Ver. 16-26.

5. The offering on the day of first fruits. Ver. 26-31.

6. The offering at the Feast of Trumpets. Ch. 29: 1-6.

7. The offering on the Day of Atonement. Ch. 29: 7-11; Lev. 16.

8. The offering at the Feast of Tabernacles. Ch. 12: 38.

Josh. 8: 30. Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel.

Jud. 2: 45. The *weeping* and *sacrifice* at Bochim.

20: 26, 27 And all the children of Israel—went up--unto the house of God, and wept—and *offered burnt offerings —and enquired of the Lord*—also ch. 21: 2-4.

1 Sam. 1: 3. Elkanah—went up to Shiloh yearly, "*to worship and to sacrifice* unto the Lord of hosts." *Cf.* ver. 19, 25, 28.

7: 8-10. Samuel *sacrifices and prays* for Israel.

13: 9-12. Where sacrifice is called *making supplication*.

2 Sam. 24: 25. Sacrifice spoken of as *intreating the Lord*.

1 Kings. 8: 22-54. And Solomon *stood before the altar of the Lord*—and *spread forth his hands toward heaven*, and said—

2 Kings 17: 36. The Lord—shall ye *worship*, and to Him shall ye *do sacrifice*.

1 Chr. 23: 13. The office of the priests was—to *burn incense be-*

fore the Lord, to minister unto Him, *and to bless in His name.*

Sacrifice spoken of as *seeking the Lord.* Also, ch. 30 : 19-20. — 2 Chr. 15 : 11-15.

Hezekiah's offering—the burnt-offering—singing—*worshipping*—the trumpets and instruments. — 29 : 27-30.

Darius commandeth that the Jews are to be provided with everything necessary for sacrificing, "that they may *offer sacrifices* to the God of heaven, and *pray for* the life of the king and of his sons." — Ezra 6 : 9, 10.

At the evening sacrifice--I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God. — 9 : 5.

Job's sacrifices of intercession for his sons. — Job 1 : 5.

The sacrifice of Job's friends, and his prayer for them. — 42 : 8-10

The Lord--remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice. — Psa. 20 : 3.

I will offer to Thee the *sacrifices of thanksgiving,* and *will call upon the name of the Lord.* — 116 : 17.

Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. — 141 : 2.

God's house where the sacrifices were offered, spoken of as the *house of prayer. Cf.* Matt. 21 : 13. — Isa. 56 : 7.

The access of the Gentiles to the Holy One of Israel is by sacrifice. — 60 : 3-9.

Those who offer sacrifices are *suppliants.* — Zeph. 3 : 10.

The offering of sacrifices was *worship.* — Zech. 14 : 16.

The whole multitude of people were praying without at the time of incense. — Luke 1 : 9, 10.

Heb. 10 : 19-23. We have "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."

13 : 10-16. By Him (Jesus) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.

XVI.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

	Gen.
Noah's thanksgiving.	8 : 20, 21.
Melchizedek thanks God for Abraham's victory over the four kings.	14 : 20.
Abraham's servant thanks God for His answer to his prayer.	24 : 26, 27-52.
Leah thanks God for giving her children.	29 : 35.
	Ex.
Thanksgiving for deliverance from Pharaoh and his host.	15 : 1-21.
Jethro's thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness to Israel.	18 : 9, 10.
	Lev.
Thank offerings. *Cf.* Num. 10 : 10 ; 2 Samuel 6 : 17 ; 1 Kings 8 : 62-66 ; 1 Kings 9 : 25 ; 1 Chr. 29 : 21 ; 2 Chr. 29 : 31 ; Psa. 107 : 22.	7 : 11-15.
	Deut.
The prayer and thanksgiving of him who offered the basket of first-fruits.	26 : 5-10.
	Jud.
Deborah's song of thanksgiving.	5 : 1-31.
Gideon's thanksgiving spoken of as *worship*.	7 : 15.
	Ruth
Naomi thanks God for His continued kindness.	2 : 20.
Naomi's friends thank God for His goodness to her.	4 : 14.
	1 Sam.
Hannah's thank offering and prayer of praise.	1 : 24-28 ; 2 : 1-10.
David thanks God that Abigail was sent to meet him.	25 : 32.

25 : 39. David thanks God for withholding him from revenging himself on Nabal.

2 Sam. 6 : 17-19. with 1 Chr. 16 : 1-3. Thanksgiving when the ark was brought from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David.

18 : 28. Ahimaaz thanks God for Absalom's death.

22 : 1-51. A psalm of thanksgiving to God for deliverance, and for manifold blessings. *Cf.* Psa. 18.

1 Kings 1 : 48. David thanks God that Solomon has been crowned king.

5 : 7. Hiram thanks God for Solomon's wisdom.

8 : 15. Solomon blesses God for fulfilling His promise

8 : 56. to David, and for giving rest to the people of Israel.

10 : 9. The queen of Sheba thanks God that Solomon is king.

1 Chr. 15 : 16. with 16 : 4, 41. Singers appointed for the house of the Lord who were to lift up their voice with joy. Their business was to *thank and praise the Lord;* they were "expressed by name to give thanks to the Lord." *Cf.* ch. 25 : 1-7.

1 Chr. 16 : 7-36. The psalm of thanksgiving when the ark was brought to the tent David had prepared for it.

17 : 16-27. David's prayer of thanksgiving for God's promised blessings. *Cf.* 2 Sam. 7 : 18.

23 : 30. The morning and evening service of praise.

25 : 1-7. *Cf.* ch. 16 : 4, 41. Praise was part of the service of the house of God. *Cf.* Neh. 12 : 46.

29 : 10 19. David's prayer and thanksgiving when the people offered willingly for the service of God's house. (20-21) The thanksgiving and sacrifices of the people.

Praise and thanksgiving when the ark of the Lord was moved into the "holy place"; the Lord gives a visible sign of His favour. 2 Chr. 5 : 11-14.

The people *worshipped and praised.* 7 : 3.

(Ver. 22). And when they began *to sing and to praise,* the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon. 20 : 19-23.

Thanksgiving in the valley of Berachah; also ver. 28. 2 Chr. 20 : 19-22.

The service of praise instituted by David restored by Jehoiada. 23 : 18.

Hezekiah appoints singers according to the commandment of David—(25) so was the commandment of the Lord—(27) "*When the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also.*" (30) "They sang praises with gladness—and *worshipped.*" Ver. 31. 29 : 25-36.

The keeping of the passover in the reign of Hezekiah—The Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day. 30 : 21.

Cf. ch. 29 : 25. 31 : 2.

Manasseh's thank offerings. 33 : 16.

Singers appointed at the keeping of Josiah's solemn passover. 35 : 15.

Thanksgiving when the foundation of the second temple was laid. Ezra 3 : 10, 11.

Thanksgiving at the dedication of the house of God. 6 : 16-22.

Ezra thanks God for what king Artaxerxes has done. 7 : 27.

And Ezra blessed the Lord—and all the people Neh. 8 : 6.

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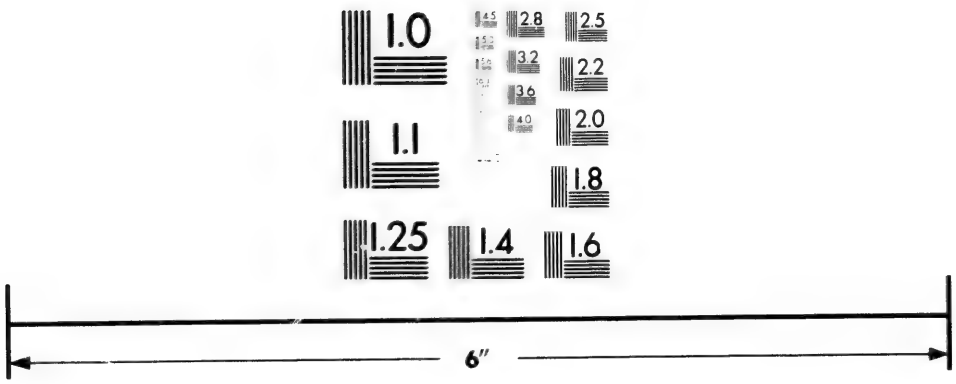

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answered Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands.

Neh. 9: 5. Praise at the fast in the time of Nehemiah.

11: 17, 22, 23. "*Thanksgiving in prayer.*"

12: 27-43. Thanksgiving at the dedication of the walls of Jerusalem.

Job 1: 20, 21. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; *blessed be the name of the Lord.*

Psa. 5: 11, 12. Thanksgiving for God's protection.

7: 17. Praise or thanks for God's righteousness.

9: 1-11, 14. David praises God for His judgments.

13: 6. I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

16: 7. I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel.

18: 1-50. *Cf.* 2 Sam. 22.

21: 1-13. Thanksgiving for victory.

22: 22-26. David praises God for hearing his prayer. (ver. 26) *They shall praise the Lord that seek Him.*

26: 6, 7. I will wash mine hands in innocency; so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord; that I may publish *with the voice of thanksgiving.*

27: 6. I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy.

28: 6, 7. Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplication. The Lord is my strength —I am helped—therefore—with my song will I praise Him.

29: 1-11. Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength—worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

30: 1-12 A song of praise at the dedication of the house of David. Study ver. 4, 11, 12.

Blessed be the Lord; for He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness in a strong city. Psa. 31 : 21.

"Praise is comely for the upright." God is to be praised for His goodness, His power and His providence. 33 : 1-12.

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 34 : 1.

I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise Thee amongst much people. 35 : 18.

I waited patiently for the Lord—He hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God—(16) Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified. 40 : 3-16.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen and Amen. 41 : 13.

I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise—In the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. *Cf.* Job 35 : 10; Psa. 32 : 7. 42 : 4,5,8, 11.

David praying to be restored to the temple, promises to serve God joyfully, and with praise. 43 : 3, 4.

O clap your hands, all ye people; *shout unto God with* the voice of triumph. (7) Sing ye praises with understanding. 47 : 1-9.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. 48 : 1-14.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most High: and call upon Me in the day of trouble. 50 : 14.

Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth Me. 50 : 23.

Psa. 51 : 15. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise. Ver. 19.

52 : 9. I will praise Thee for ever, because Thou hast done it.

54 : 6. I will freely sacrifice unto Thee; I will praise Thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

56 : 12. Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render praise unto Thee.

57 : 7-11. David praises God in the cave where he was hiding from Saul.

59 : 16, 17. I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning, for Thou hast been my Defence and Refuge in the day of my trouble—(When Saul sent to kill David.)

61 : 8. So will I sing praise unto Thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

63 : 3-7. Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. Thus shall I bless Thee while I live, I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

65 : 1, 2. A prayer of praise. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

66 : 1-20. A psalm of praise.—(2) Make His praise glorious. Study ver. 4, 6, 8, 13-15, 20.

67 : 3-7. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee—Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God shall bless us.

68 : 3-35. (5, 6) God is to be praised for His mercies (7-18) for the care of His church, (19) for His great works. Study ver. 3, 4, 19, 25, 26, 32, 35.—A prayer at the removing of the ark.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock. Psa. 69 : 30, 31.

Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified. 70 : 4.

My praise shall be continually of Thee. (8) Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise—all the day. (14) I will—yet praise Thee more and more.—(23) My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee, and my soul which Thou hast redeemed. 71 : 6.

Prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall He be praised. Ver. 18, 19. 72 : 15.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks—for that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare. 75 : 1.

God is to be praised because of His benefits. 81 : 1-7.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be still *praising Thee.* 84 : 4.

All nations—shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name. Also ver. 12, 13 86 : 9.

A prayer of praise to God, (1-4) for His covenant, (5-6) for His power, (15-18) for His care of the church, (19-37) for His favour to the kingdom of David. 89 : 1-52.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High. 92 : 1.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. 95 : 1-7.

O sing unto the Lord a new song—ver. 4, 7, 8, 9. 96: 1.

Psa. 97 : 12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

98 : 1. O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvellous things. Ver. 2-6.

99 : 5. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

100 : 1 5. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,—(2) Come before His presence with singing—(4) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

101 : 1. I will sing of mercy and of judgment; unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.

103 : 1-5. Bless the Lord, O my soul—who forgiveth,—who healeth—who redeemeth—who crowneth—who satisfieth.

104 : 1-35. A prayer of praise for the mighty power and providence of God.

105 : 1. O give thanks unto the Lord. Ver. 2.

106 : 1. Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good. Ver. 47, 48.

107 : 1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Ver. 8, 15, 21, 22, 31, 32.

108 : 1-12 A prayer of praise. "O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." Ver. 3, 4.

109: 30, 31 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.

111 : 1. Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Ver. 2, 3. Psa. 113 : 1.

The dead praise not the Lord—but we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. 115: 17, 18

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?—I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. 116 : 12-19

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; because His mercy endureth for ever. Ver. 15, 19, 21, 27-29. 118 : 1.

God is to be praised for His mercy and truth. 117 : 1, 2.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee. 119 : 62.

Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord. 119 : 108.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee. 119 : 164.

My lips shall utter praise, when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes. 119 : 171.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. 119 : 175.

Jerusalem—whither the tribes go up, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. 122 : 3, 4.

The church praises God for deliverance. 124 : 1-8.

(2) Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. 134 : 1-3.

God is to be praised, (3, 4) for His mercy, (5, 7) His power and, (8, 11) His judgments. 135 : 1-21.

God is to be thanked for particular mercies. 136 : 1-26.

I will praise Thee with my whole heart—I will *worship* toward Thy holy temple, and *praise* Thy name for Thy loving-kindness. 138 : 1-8.

Psa.
139 : 14. I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

140 : 13. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name.

144 : 1-10. David thanks God for His mercies to him, and to man. Ver. 9, 10.

145 : 1-21. I will extol Thee, my God, O King, and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee.

146 : 2. While I live will I praise the Lord ; I will sing praises unto my God, while I have any being. Ver. 6-10.

147 : 1-20. God is to be praised for, (2, 3) His care of the church, (4, 5) for His power, (6) for His mercy, (7-11) for His providence, (12-14) for His blessings upon the kingdom.

148 : 11-14 *All* are called to praise the Lord—for His name is excellent.

149 : 1. Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints. Study ver. 2, 4, 5, 6.

150 : 1. Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary.

Isa.
12 : 1-6. Thanksgiving for the mercies of God. "In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise
: 4. Thee." *Praise the Lord, call upon His name.*

24 : 15. Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires.

25 : 1-12. A prayer of praise for God's judgments, benefits and victorious salvation.

26 : 1-4. In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah, We have a strong city, salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Isa.

Hezekiah's prayer and song of thanksgiving. 38 : 9-22.
Ver. 20.

Thanksgiving for redemption. 44 : 21 23.

Thanksgiving for God's perpetual love. 49 : 13-16.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion—joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. 51 : 3.

Thanksgiving for the Lord "hath comforted," "hath redeemed." 52 : 8-10.

Praise and worship of the Gentiles. 60 : 5-7.

Part of Christ's mission is to give "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Also ver. 11. 61 : 3.

Cf. Deut. 12: 12. 62 : 8-9.

Thanksgiving for God's goodness and loving-kindness. 63 : 7-9.

Our holy and our beautiful house, *where our fathers praised Thee,* is burned up with fire. 64 : 11.

Jer.

Give glory to the Lord your God before He cause darkness. 13 : 16.

If ye diligently hearken unto Me, saith the Lord, they shall come—bringing *sacrifices of praise* unto the house of the Lord. 17 : 24-26.

Praise ye, and say, O Lord, save Thy people—(12) Therefore they shall come and *sing in the height of Zion.* 31 : 7-14.

Thus saith the Lord, again there shall be heard in this place (Jerusalem)—the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts—and of them that shall bring the *sacrifice of praise* into the house of the Lord. 33: 10,11.

Dan.

Daniel's prayer of thanksgiving to God for 2 : 19-23.

giving him wisdom, and for revealing the king's dream to him.

Dan. 3 : 28. Nebuchadnezzar thanks God for His deliverance of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego from the fiery furnace.

4 : 34-37. Nebuchadnezzar, after his humiliation, blesses the most High.

5 : 22, 23. Belshazzar's sin—"The God, in whose hand thy breath is, hast thou not glorified." *Cf.* Acts 12 : 23 ; Rom. 1 : 21 ; Mal. 2: 2.

6 : 10. Daniel—*prayed and gave thanks* before his God.

Hos. 14 : 2. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord—so will we *render the calves of our lips.* Heb. 13 : 15.

Joel 2 : 26. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and *praise* the name of the Lord your God.

Jonah 2 : 9. Jonah's thanksgiving when he was in the whale's belly. "But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving—Salvation is of the Lord."

Hab. 3 : 17-19. Habakkuk's hymn of praise, "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom—yet will I rejoice in the Lord—The Lord God is my strength."

Mal. 2 : 2. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings.

Matt. 5 : 14. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and *glorify your Father* which is in heaven.

9 : 1-8. Christ cures the sick of the palsy—When the multitude saw it they—*glorified God* which had given such power unto men.

Numbers are healed—the multitude "glorifies the God of Israel." Matt. 15 : 30, 31

Mary's song of praise. Luke 1 : 46-55.

Zacharias' thanksgiving. 1 : 64, 67-79.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen. 2 : 20.

Simeon's prayer of thanksgiving. 2 : 27-32.

Anna's thanksgiving. "She, coming in at that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the Lord." 2 : 38.

The raising of the widow's son—the people glorify God. 7 : 16.

The healing of the ten lepers—one of them turns back to glorify God, and to give thanks—an additional blessing is given him. 17 : 12-19.

The curing of a blind man—he glorifies God—all the people give praise unto God. 18 : 43.

The disciples were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. 24 : 53.

Thanksgiving of the lame man whom Peter cured. Acts 3 : 7-9.

The apostles and brethren thank God that salvation extends to the Gentiles. 11 : 18.

Herod smitten because he gave not God the glory. *Cf.* Dan. 5 : 22. 12 : 23.

Thanksgiving of the Gentiles that salvation was for them. 13 : 46-48.

And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them. 16 : 25.

Acts 21 : 19, 20. The church at Jerusalem thanks God for what He has done for the Gentiles through Paul.

27 : 33-35. Paul took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all.

28 : 15. Paul thanks God and takes courage when the brethren met him at Appii-forum.

Rom. 1 : 8. Paul thanks God for the faith of the Romans.

4 : 20. Abraham—was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

6 : 17. Paul thanks God that the Romans obeyed the doctrine from the heart.

7 : 24-25. Paul thanks God for Christ's victory over himself.

Rom. 11 : 33-36. A thanksgiving of Paul to God for the depths of the riches of His wisdom and knowledge,

16 : 27. To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. *Cf.* Phil. 4 : 20; 1 Tim. 1 : 17; 1 Peter 5 : 11; 2 Peter 3 : 18.

1 Cor. 1 : 4, 5. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the

: 14. grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.

15 : 57. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 1 : 3, 4. Blessed be God—who comforteth us.

1 : 11. Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed on us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

2 : 14. Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.

4 : 15. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

Thanks be to God which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.	2 Cor. 8 : 16.
Liberality occasions a great sacrifice of thanksgiving unto God.	9 : 11-14.
Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.	: 15
Thanksgiving for salvation.	Gal. 1 : 4, 5.
Allusion to the thanksgiving of the church for Paul's conversion.	1 : 23, 24.
Blessed be God—who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.	Eph. 1 : 3.
Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you.	1 : 15, 16.
Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly—unto Him be glory.	3 : 20, 21.
Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.	5 : 19, 20.
I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all *making request with joy.*	Phil 1 : 3-5.
In everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known unto God.	4 : 6-7.
We give thanks to God—praying always for you.	Col. 1 : 3, 4.
Giving thanks unto the Father.	1 : 12.
Abounding therein (in the faith) with thanksgiving.	2 : 7.
Be ye thankful.	3 : 15.

Col. 3 : 16, 17. Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord—giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

4 : 2. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

1 Thes. 1 : 2, 3. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.

2 : 13. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing.

3 : 9. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God.

5 : 18. In everything give thanks.

2 Thes. 1 : 3, 4. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because—

2 : 13. We are bound to thank God always for you brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath—chosen you to salvation.

1 Tim. 1 : 12. Paul thanks God for putting him into the ministry.

2 : 1. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and *giving of thanks* be made for all men.

4 : 3-5. We are to *receive with thanksgiving* the enjoyments and good things God hath provided for us.

2 Tim. 1 : 3. I thank God—that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day.

4 : 17, 18. Paul thanks God for strengthening and delivering him.

Philemon 4 : 5. I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, hearing of thy love and faith.

By Him therefore let us offer the *sacrifice of praise* to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. Heb. 13 : 15.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which—hath begotten us again unto a lively hope. 1 Pet. 1 : 3, 4.

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 4 : 16.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling—be glory and majesty. Jude 24 : 25.

Unto Him that loved us—to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1 : 5, 6.

Praise and thanksgiving of the beasts and of the elders round about the throne. 4 : 8-11.

Thanksgiving of the beasts and of the elders for redemption. Praise of the angels and of every creature. 5 : 8-14.

Thanksgiving of the innumerable multitude round about the throne. 7 : 9-12.

Thanksgiving of the elders that God took to Himself His great power. 11 : 15-17.

"They sung as it were a new song before the throne." 14 : 2, 3.

The song of them who overcome the beast. 15 : 2-4.

God is praised in heaven for judging the great whore, and for avenging the blood of His saints. 19 : 1-7.

XVII.
PRAYER AND CONFESSION.

Ex. 9 : 27-29. 10 : 16-18. Pharaoh's confession "I have sinned," and request that Moses would intreat the Lord for him and remove the plagues of hail and of the locusts. Insincere confession. 1 Sam. 15 : 24, 25; Matt. 27 : 4.

32 : 30-32. Moses' confession of the sin of the children of Israel, and prayer for their pardon. Deut. 9 : 18, 19.

Lev. 5 : 5-10. Confession commanded. "*He shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing*—and the priest shall make an atonement for him—and it shall be forgiven him. *Cf.* Num. 5 : 6, 7.

16 : 21,22. And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel. *Cf.* Isa. 53 : 10-12; John 1 : 29.

26 : 40-42. If they (in the land of captivity) shall confess their iniquity—then will I remember my covenant. 1 Sam. 12 : 9-11.

Nu. 5 : 6, 7. *Cf.* Lev. 5 : 5-10.

21 : 7. The confession of the children of Israel when the Lord sent fiery serpents among them.

22 : 34. Balaam's confession.

Josh. 7 : 19. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I

pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto Him.

Confession of the children of Israel when oppressed by the Philistines and Ammonites. — Jud. 10 : 10-16.

The solemn repentance and confession of the Israelites at Mizpeh. — 1 Sam. 7 : 5, 6.

Cf. Jud. 10 : 10. — 12 : 10.

Saul's confession to Samuel, and request that he would worship the Lord with him. — 15 : 24, 25

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord hath put away thy sin, thou shalt not die. — 2 Sam. 12 : 13.

David's confession to God after he had numbered the people. — 24 : 10-17.

Solomon's prayer that when the children of Israel *confess*, and *pray*, and turn again to the Lord, He will hear them. *Cf.* Neh. 1 : 6; Dan. 9 : 3. — 1 Kings 8 : 33-36, 46-50.

The public confession in the reign of Hezekiah. — 2 Chr. 30 : 22.

Ezra's confession of the sins of the people of Israel. — Ezra 9 : 5-15.

Ezra urges the people to make confession of their sin to the Lord God, and to separate themselves from the evil. — 10 : 11.

Nehemiah's confession of the sins of, and prayer for the children of Israel. — Neh. 1 : 4-11.

The fast, repentance and confession of the people in the time of Nehemiah. (3) "One fourth part of the day they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God." — 9 : 1-38.

Job's confession of sin. — Job. 7 : 20.

Job. 33 : 27,28. He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned—He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

Psa. 32 : 5. I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

38 : 18. I will declare mine iniquity, I will be sorry for my sin.

41 : 4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul for I have sinned against Thee.

51 : 1-19. A psalm of confession. *Cf.* 2 Sam. 12 : (ver. 3.) I acknowledge my transgressions.

65 : 3. Iniquities prevail against me : as for our transgressions Thou wilt purge them away.

69 : 5. O God, Thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from Thee.

106 : 6. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

119 : 176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep. *Cf.* Isa 53 : 6.

Pro. 28 : 13. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Isa. 64 : 6-8. A prayer of confession of the church.

Jer. 3: 12, 13. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God.

14 : 7-20. Jeremiah in prayer confesseth the sin of the people.

Lam. 3 : 41, 42. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto

God in the heavens. We have transgressed and have rebelled.

Daniel's confession and prayer for the restoration of Jerusalem. 1 Kings 8 : 47, 48 ; Neh. 1 : 6, 7. — Dan. 9 : 3-20.

I will go and return to My place till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face ; in their affliction they will seek Me early. — Hos. 5 : 15.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God—take with you words, and turn to the Lord ; say unto Him, Take away all iniquity. — 14 : 1, 2.

And were baptized —confessing their sins. — Matt. 3 : 6.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned. — Lu. 15 : 18

Many that believed came, and *confessed*, and shewed their deeds. — Acts 19 : 18, 19

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another. — Jam. 5 : 16.

If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1 : 9.

XVIII.
PRAYER AND FASTING.

No mention is made of fasting before the days of Moses. The only fast commanded in the Levitical law was that on the Day of Atonement. Lev. 23 : 27, 29. After this fasting was more frequent. Jer. 36 : 6 ; Acts 27 : 9.

Deut. 9 : 18, 19. Moses' prayer and fast because of the sins of the people.

Josh. 7 : 5. And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel—(After the defeat at Ai.)

Jud. 20 : 26. Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day—(when worsted by the Benjamites.)

1 Sam. 7 : 5, 6. The fast and solemn repentance at Mizpeh.

2 Sam. 12 : 16. David's prayer and fast when his child was ill.

1 Kings 21 : 27-29. Ahab's fast and humiliation before God.

2 Chr. 20 : 3, 4. The fast proclaimed by Jehoshaphat—Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord.

Ezra 8 : 21-23. Ezra proclaims a fast at the river of Ahava to ask of God a safe journey to Jerusalem. Ver. 23.

9 : 3, 4. Ezra's grief and fast upon hearing of the sin of the children of Israel—(5) His prayer.

Nehemiah fasted and prayed before God. — Neh. 1 : 4.

The solemn fast and repentance of the people in the time of Nehemiah. — 9 : 1.

Esther's request that all the Jews would fast for her. "So," she said, "will I go in unto the king." Prayer is implied in both these passages. — Esther 4 : 15, 16. Psa. 35 : 13. 69 : 10.

Fasting—seeking God. *Cf.* ver. 2. — Isa. 58 : 2-7.

Description of a true and of a false fast. Com. Zech. 7 : 5.

A fast proclaimed before the Lord in the reign of Jehoiakim. — Jer. 36 : 7-9.

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer—with fasting. — Dan. 9 : 3.

Sanctify ye a fast—and cry unto the Lord. Also turn ye even to Me (saith the Lord)—with fasting. Here even the children and infants were to fast. — Joel 1 : 14. 2 : 12-17.

The fast and repentance of the people of Nineveh. — Jonah 3 : 5.

Howbeit this kind (*Cf.* ver. 19, 20) goeth not out but by *prayer* and *fasting*. — Matt. 17 : 21.

For our Saviour's teaching in regard to fasting. *Cf.* Matt. 6 : 15-18; 9 : 14.

Anna served God with fastings and prayers night and day. — Luke 2 : 37.

Saul was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. (Ver. 11.) Behold he prayeth. — Acts 9 : 9-11.

Cornelius fasted and prayed. — 10 : 30.

The early church at Antioch fasted and prayed before sending Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey. — 13 : 1-4.

Acts 14 : 23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord.

XIX.

SOME BIBLE PEOPLE OF PRAYER.

Abraham—Gen. 12 : 7, 8 ; 13 : 4, 18 ; 17 : 3-18 ; 18 : 23-32 ; 20 : 17, 18 ; 21 : 33 ; 22 : 5.

Lot—Gen. 19 : 18-21.

Eliezer—Gen. 24 : 13, 14 ; 26 : 27, 52.

Isaac—Gen. 24 : 63 ; 25 : 21 ; 26 : 25 ; 27 : 28 ; 3 : 4.

Rebekah—Gen. 25 : 22.

Jacob—Gen. 28 : 18-22 ; 32 : 9-12 ; 32 : 24-30 ; 35 : 1-7 ; 46 : 1 ; 47 : 31, with Heb. 11 : 21 ; Gen. 48 : 15 ; 49 : 1 ; Hos. 12 : 3, 4.

Leah—Gen. 29 : 33-35 ; 30 : 17.

Rachel—Gen. 30 : 6, 22.

Moses—Ex. 4 : 10-17 ; 5 : 22 ; 6 : 11, 12 ; 8 : 8-13 ; 8 : 30, 31 ; 9 : 29-33 ; 10 : 18 ; 14 : 15 ; 15 : 23-25 ; 17 : 1-7 ; 17 : 11, 12 ; 32 : 11-14 ; 32 : 31, 32 ; 33 : 13, 15, 18 ; 34 : 8, 9 ; 39 : 43 ; Num. 10 : 35 ; 11 : 1-3 ; 11 : 10-15, 21, 22 ; 12 : 13 ; 14 : 5 ; 14 : 13-20 ; 16 : 3, 4 ; 16 : 15 ; 16 : 22 ; 20 : 1-6 ; 21 : 7 ; 27 : 5 ; 27 : 15-17 ; Deut. 3 : 23, 24, 25 ; 9 : 18-20, 25, 26 ; 33 : 1 ; Psa. 90.

Aaron—Lev. 9 : 22, 23 ; Num. 6 : 22-26 ; 1 Chr. 23 : 13 ; also Num. 14 : 5 ; 16 : 22 ; 16 : 47 ; 20 : 6.

Joshua—Josh. 5 : 14 ; 7 : 6 ; 8 : 30 ; 10 : 12 ; 14 : 13 ; 22 : 6.

Manoah—Jud. 13 : 8, 9.

Samson—Jud. 15 : 18 ; 16 : 28, 30.

Hannah—1 Sam. 1 : 10, 15 ; 1 : 19 ; 2 : 1-10.

Samuel—1 Sam. 7 : 5, 6 ; 8 : 6 ; 8 : 21 ; 12 : 17, 18, 23 ; 15 ; 11.

David—1 Sam. 21 : 1, 2, with ch. 22 : 10 ; 23 : 2, 4, 9, 12 ; 25 : 32-39 ; 26 : 23 ; 30 : 6 ; 2 Sam. 2 : 1 ; 2 : 5, 6 ; 5 : 19, 22 ; 6 : 18 ; 7 : 18-29 ; 12 : 16 ; 12 : 20 ; 13 : 25 ; 15 : 31 ; 19 : 39 ; 21 : 1 ; 22 : 1 ; 23 : 15-17 ; 24 : 10, 17, 25 ; 1 Kings 1 : 47 ; 1 Chr. 29 : 10-19.

For David's confidence in prayer—Cf. Psa. 4 : 3 ; 6 : 8, 9 ; 9 : 12 ; 10 : 17 ; 17 : 6 ; 18 : 3 ; 20 : 6 ; 21 : 2 ; 22 : 24 ; 28 : 6, 7 ; 38 : 15 ; 55 : 16 ; 56 : 9 ; 57 : 1, 2 ; 65 : 2 ; 86 : 5 ; 138 : 3 ; 142 : 1-7 ; 143 : 1 ; 145 : 18.

Jonathan—1 Sam. 20 : 12 ; 20 : 42 ; 23 : 16.

Elijah—1 Kings 17 : 1, with James 5 : 17 ; 1 Kings 17 : 17-22 ; 18 : 24-36 ; 19 : 4.

Elisha—2 Kings 4 : 32 ; 6 : 17, 18, 20.

Jehoshaphat—2 Chr. 18 : 31 ; 20 : 5-12 ; 20 : 26 ; 1 Kings 22 : 5-7 ; 2 Kings 3 : 11.

Hezekiah—2 Kings 19 : 1-4 ; 19 : 14-19 ; 20 : 1-5 ; 2 Chr. 30 : 18 ; 31 : 8 ; Jer. 26 : 18, 19, with 2 Chr. 32 : 26.

Ezra—Ezra 7 : 27 ; 8 : 21 ; 9 : 5-15.

Nehemiah—Neh. 1 : 4-11 ; 2 : 4 ; 4 : 4, 9 ; 5 : 13 ; 6 : 9, 14 ; 13 : 14 ; 13 : 22, 29-31.

Esther—Est. 4 : 15, 16.

Job—Job 1 : 5 ; 1 : 20 ; 6 : 8, 9 ; 7 : 11-21 ; 9 : 15 10 : 2-22; 13: 20-28; 14: 1-16 ; 16 : 20; 42: 1 ; 42 : 8-10.

Isaiah—Isa. 8 : 17 ; 12 : 1, 2 ; 25 : 1-9 ; 26 : 8-19 ; 30 : 19 ; 33 : 2 ; 37 : 4 ; 58 : 9 ; 62 : 6, 7 ; 63 : 15-19 ; 64 : 1-12 ; 65 : 24.

Jeremiah—Jer. 7 : 16 ; 11 : 14 ; 11 : 20 ; 12 : 1-4 ; 14 : 7, 9, 11 ; 14 : 13 ; 14 : 19-22 ; 15 : 15-18 ; 16 : 19 ; 17 : 13-18 ; 18 : 19-23 ; 20 : 7-12 ; 21 : 2 ; 32 : 16-26 ; 42 : 2, 4 ; Lam. 2 : 20-22 ; 3 : 55-66.

David—Dan. 2 : 17, 18 ; 2 : 20-23 ; 6 : 10, 11 ; 9 : 3-23 ; 12 : 8, 9.

Zacharias—Luke 1 : 13.

Anna—Luke 2 : 37.

Mary the mother of Jesus—Acts 1 : 13.

The Apostles and early Christians—Acts 1 : 13, 24 ; 2 : 46 ; 4 : 23, 24 ; Acts 6 : 4, 6 ; 12 : 5, 12.

Peter—Acts, 3 : 1 ; 8 : 14, 15 ; 9 : 40 ; 10 : 9 ; 1 Pet. 3 : 12 ; 4 : 7.

John—Acts 3 : 1 ; 8 : 14, 15 ; John 14 : 13, 14 ; 15 : 7, 16 ; 16 : 23, 24 ; 1 John 3 : 22 ; 5 : 14-16 ; 3 John 2.

Stephen—Acts 6 : 5, with ch. 7 : 59, 60.

Paul—Acts 9 : 9-11 ; 13 : 1-3 ; 14 : 23 ; 16 : 16, 25 20 : 36 ; 21 : 5 ; 22 : 17 ; 27 : 35 ; 28 : 8, 15 ; Ro. 1 : 9 ; 10 : 1 ; 15 : 30 ; 1 Cor. 1 : 4 ; 2 Cor. 1 : 11 ; 12 : 7 ; 13 : 8 ; Eph. 1 : 16 ; 3 : 14 ; 6 : 18, 19 ; Phil. 1 : 3, 4, 9 : 4 : 6 ; Col. 1 : 3-9 ; 1 Thes. 1 : 2 ; 3 : 10 ; 5 : 17, 23 ; 2 Thes. 1 : 11 ; 3 : 1 ; 1 Tim. 2 : 1, 2, 8 ; 4 : 3, 4 ; 2 Tim. 1 : 3 ; Phile. 4 : 22.

Cornelius—Acts 10 : 1, 2.

Mary the mother of John Mark—Acts 12 : 12,

Lydia—Acts 16 : 14.

Justus—Acts 18 : 7.

Epaphras—Col. 4 : 1, 2.

XX.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF PRAYER.

Definiteness—Gen. 24 : 12-14 ; 2 Chr. 20 : 10 ; Isa. 37 : 14 ; Dan. 2 : 18, 19 ; Acts 4 : 29.

Agony and Energy—Gen. 32 : 24, with Hos. 12 : 3, 4 ; 1 Sam. 15 : 11 ; Col. 4 : 12 ; 1 Thes. 3 : 10 ; Heb. 5 : 7.

Persistence—Gen. 32 : 26 ; Ex. 17 : 11 ; Deut. 9 : 18 ; Isa. 62 : 6 ; La. 2 : 18, 19 ; Luke 18 : 1-7.

Pleading the Promises of God—Ex. 32 : 13 ; 2 Chr. 20 : 8, 9 ; Neh. 1 : 4, 11 ; Isa. 62 : 6 (mar.)

Reminding God of His own Character—Ex. 34: 9, with ver. 7 ; Psa. 31 : 1 ; 51 : 1 ; 143 : 1.

Earnestness—Deut. 4 : 29 ; 2 Chr. 15 : 15 ; Psa. 119 : 10, 58.

Weeping—Jer. 31 : 9.

Intensity—1 Sam. 15 : 11 ; 1 Thes. 3 : 9.

Acknowledging God's Power.—1 Chr. 29 : 11, 12; Matt. 6 : 13 ; 8 : 6.

Increasing our efforts to help ourselves—Neh. 4 : 9.

Holy Fear—Psa. 5 : 7.

Innocency—Psa. 26 : 6.

Thanksgiving—Psa. 95 : 2 ; 100 : 2, 4 ; Phil. 4 : 6.

Patience—Psa. 40 : 1 ; Hab. 2 : 1, 3.

Expectation—Psa. 62: 5.

Voluntariness—Psa. 119 : 108 ; Lev. 1 : 3.

Readiness to hear—Eccles. 5 : 1.

Not rash, or hasty, or using a multitude of words —Eccles. 5 : 2-6.

Looking—waiting—trusting—Micah 7 : 7.

Submission to God's will—Matt. 8 : 6.

Truth—John 4 : 23.

Watching—Matt. 26 : 41 ; Eph. 6 : 18.

Striving—(agonizing, mar.) Rom. 15 : 30.

Intelligence—1. Cor. 14 : 15.

Joy—Phil. 1 : 4 ; 1 Thes. 3 : 9.

Continuance—Col. 4 : 2.

Pureness of heart—2 Tim. 2 : 22.

Boldness—Heb. 4 : 16.

Trueness of heart—Heb. 10 : 22.

Full assurance of faith—Heb. 10 : 22 ; 11 : 6 ; Jas. 1 : 5.

Adoration—Rev. 4 : 9.

XXI.
WHEN TO PRAY.

In Times of Danger—Gen. 32: 9; 2 Chr. 20: 1-4.

In Times of Deliverance—Ex. 15: 1.

In Times of Sorrow—1 Sam. 1: 10.

In Times of Joy—1 Sam. 2: 1.

In Times of Perplexity—1 Chr. 20: 12; Nu. 27: 1-5.

In the Morning—Psa. 5: 3; 59: 16; 88: 13; 119; 147; Nu. 28: 4; Mark 1: 35.

In Times of Distress—Psa. 18: 6; 1 Sam 15; 11.

In the Daytime—Psa. 22: 2.

In the Night—Psa. 22: 2; 42: 8; 63: 6; 77: 2: 92: 2; 1 Sam. 15: 11; Isa. 26: 9; Luke 6: 12.

All the Day—Psa. 25: 5; 86: 3 (mar.)

All the Days of our Life—Psa. 27: 4.

At all Times—Psa. 34: 1.

In the Day of Trouble—Psa. 50: 15.

When the Heart is Overwhelmed—Psa. 61: 2; 143: 4,6.

At Evening, *At Morning*, *At Noon* — Psa. 55: 17; Num 28: 4; Psa. 141: 2; Dan. 6: 10; Matt. 14: 23.

Day and Night—Psa. 38: 1; Lam. 2: 18; 1 Thes. 3: 9; 1 Tim. 5: 5.

From Day to Day—Psa. 96: 2.

Early—Psa. 108: 2; 119: 147; Isa. 26: 9; Mark 1: 35.

As Long as we Live—Psa. 116: 2; 146: 2.
At Midnight—Psa. 119: 62; Acts 16; 25.
Seven Times a Day—Psa. 119: 164.
When in the Depths—Psa. 130: 1.
Every Day—Psa. 145: 2.
Three Times a Day—Dan. 6: 10; Psa. 55: 17.
Continually—Hos. 12: 6.
Before any Act Requiring Wisdom—Luke 6: 12, 13; Acts 6: 5; 13: 2; 14: 23.
Always—Luke 18: 1; Col. 2: 6.
In the Hour of Death—Luke 23: 46; Acts 7: 60.

XXII.

SOME REASONS WHY WE PRAY.

Christ taught us to pray.

Christ prayed.

The Lord is our God—Deut. 6 : 4, 5 ; Psa. 81 : 10 ; Jer. 3 : 22 ; 31 : 18.

God is near us when we pray—Deut. 4: 7 ; Psa. 145 : 18.

God is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath—Deut. 4 : 39.

God has commanded us to worship and serve Him—Ex. 20 : 3, 5 ; Deut. 6 : 13 ; 10 : 12, 20 ; Josh. 24 : 14 ; Matt. 4 : 10.

The Lord is the hearer of prayer—Psa. 4 : 3, 6, 9 ; 9 : 12 ; 17 : 6 ; 65 : 2.

He is our King and our God—Psa. 5 : 2.

The Lord does not forsake them that seek Him—Psa. 9 : 10.

He forgetteth not the cry of the humble—Psa. 9 : 12.

I will call upon the Lord—so shall I be saved—Psa. 18 : 3.

He has saving strength—Psa. 20 : 6.

The kingdom is the Lord's—He is Governor among the nations—Psa. 22 : 27, 28.

The Lord is the strength of salvation—Psa. 28 : 8 (mar.)

His ears are open unto the cry of His people—Psa. 34 : 15.

Because His loving kindness is excellent—Psa. 36 7 ; 69 : 16.

The Lord thinketh upon us—Psa. 40 : 17.

His presence is salvation—Psa. 42 : 5 (mar.)

He is the health of my countenance and my God—Psa. 42 : 11.

He is the God of my life—Psa. 42 : 6.

God is for us—Psa. 56 : 9.

He performeth all things for me—Psa. 57 : 2.

Because of His strength—Psa. 59 : 9.

He is my Defence—the God of my mercy—Psa. 59 : 16.

He is a Shelter—a Strong Tower—Psa. 61 : 3.

He is my Rock—my Salvation—Psa. 62 : 6.

In God is my Salvation and my Glory—Psa. 62 : 7.

Because Thou hast been my Help, therefore—Psa. 63 : 7.

He that is our God, is the God of salvation—Psa. 68 : 20.

The Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not His prisoners—Psa. 69 : 33.

He is my Hope, my Trust—Psa. 71 : 5.

He is our Maker and Preserver—Psa. 71 : 6 ; 95 : 6 ; 100 : 3 ; Deut. 32 : 18.

It is good to draw near to God—Psa. 73 : 28.

His wondrous works declare that He is near—Psa. 75 : 1.

God is good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon Him—Psa. 86 : 5, 7.

God is great and doest wondrous things—Psa. 86: 9, 10.

Because of His power and faithfulness—Psa. 89 : 6 : 8.

The Lord is a great God and a great King—Psa. 95 : 3.

We are the people of His pasture—Psa. 95 : 7 100 : 3.

We are the sheep of His hands—Psa. 95 : 7.

He is holy—Psa. 99 : 5.

Because the Lord is good, and because of His everlasting mercy and truth—Psa. 100 : 5; 106 : 1; 108 : 4; Psa. 118 : 1.

With Him is plenteous redemption—Psa. 130 : 7.

Because of His truth and loving kindness—Psa. 138 : 2; Dan. 9 : 4.

Because of His omniscience—Psa. 139.

Because of His faithfulness and righteousness—Psa. 143 : 1.

God is He who forgives our sins—Isa. 43 : 25.

In Him is all righteousness and strength—Isa. 45 : 24.

He is omnipotent—Jer. 14 : 22; Psa. 115 : 3; Dan. 4 : 35; Eph. 3 : 20.

He is our Praise—Jer. 17 : 14.

He is our Father—Matt. 6 : 9; Deut. 32 : 6.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much—James 5 : 16.

He loves us—Rev. 1 : 4.

He is eternal—Rev. 4 : 9; 5 : 14.

XXIII.

THE UNLIMITEDNESS OF PRAYER.

The Lord God is near *in all things* that we call upon Him for. — Deut. 4 : 6.

Ask what I shall give thee. — 1 Kings 3 : 5.

He will fulfil the *desires* of them that fear Him. — Psa. 145 : 19.

Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. — Isa. 7 : 11.

Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands command thou Me. — 45 : 11.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching *anything* that they shall ask— — Matt. 18 : 19.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. — 21 : 22.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray— — Mark 11 : 24.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do. Ch. 15 : 16; 16 : 23. — John 14 : 13.

If ye shall *ask anything* in My name, I will do it. — 14 : 14.

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. — 16 : 24.

In *everything,* by prayer and supplication— 1 Thes. 5 : 18. — Phil. 4 : 6.

Casting *all your care* upon Him— — 1 Pet. 5 : 7.

XXIV.

ANSWERS—WHEN AND HOW SENT.

Gen. 24 : 12, 15 — And it came to pass, *before he had done speaking*. Observe how literally this prayer was answered. *Cf.* Josh. 10 : 12, 13.

Ex. 2 : 23 with 1 Sam. 12 : 8 ; Nu. 20: 16 — *When we cried* unto the Lord, *He heard our voice*, and sent an angel.

Ex. 14 : 10, with Josh. 24: 7 — When they cried unto the Lord, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians. Nu. 11 : 1-3 ; Jud. 3 : 9 ; 6 : 7, 8 ; 1 Sam. 1 : 11 ; 17 : 27 ; Psa. 22 : 24 ; Psa. 28 : 2 ; 6 : 31, 32 ; 32 : 5.

Nu 11 : 10-16. — Moses, feeling the burden of the people too heavy, prays for death ; answered by seventy elders being appointed to help him.

Deut. 3 : 24. — Moses prays to be allowed to enter the promised land. Answer : Let it suffice thee : speak no more unto Me of this matter.

1 Sam. 7 : 9, 10. — As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel ; but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines.

2 Sam. 12 : 13. — I have sinned against the Lord. The Lord also hath put away thy sin.

15 : 31. — And David said, O Lord, I pray Thee turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. Answer. *Cf.* ch. 16 : 23 ; ch. 17 : 14, 23.

1 Kings 3 : 9. — Give therefore Thy servant an understanding

heart. Answer: Ver. 12, 13; 4: 29; 5: 12; 10: 24.

Solomon's prayer that God's eyes would be open towards His house night and day. Answer: Ch. 9: 3; 2 Chr. 7: 15, 16; 20: 8, 9; Neh. 1: 6. — 1 Kings. 8: 29-59.

Elijah's prayer for death. God answered by giving him rest and strength. — 19: 4.

Hezekiah's prayer to be delivered from Sennacherib. Answer: Ver. 20, 35. — 2 Kings 19: 14-19.

David's prayer for Solomon. *Cf.* Psa. 72: 1. Answer: 1 Kings 3: 9, 12. — 2 Chr. 22: 11, 12.

David's prayer that Solomon might build the temple. *Cf.* ch. 22: 9, 10, 11; 1 Kings 6: 1; 8: 12; 15: 20; 2 Chr. 6: 10. — 29: 19.

Nehemiah's prayer to find mercy in the eyes of Artaxerxes. Answer: Ch. 2: 1-8, 18. — Neh. 1: 11.

In my distress I called upon the Lord. He heard my voice—my cry came before Him. — Psa. 18: 6.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. — 40: 1.

I cried unto Him with my voice. Verily God hath heard me. — 66: 17-19.

I cried unto God with my voice. He gave ear unto me. — 77: 1.

Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee. — 81: 7.

In the day when I call, answer me *speedily.* — 102: 2.

I called upon the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me, and *set me in a large place.* — 118: 5.

In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and *strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.* — 138: 3.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice — Isa. 30: 19.

of thy cry; *when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.*

Isa. 41 : 18. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none—I the Lord will hear them.

65 : 24. *Before they call,* I will answer; and *while they are yet speaking,* I will hear.

Jer. 42 : 1 7. Jeremiah prayed for the people. *After ten days* the word of the Lord came to him.

Lam. 3 : 57. Thou drewest near *in the day that I called upon thee.* Thou saidst, Fear not.

Dan. 2 : 16-23. I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou God of my fathers, who—hast made known unto me *now* what we desired of Thee.

9 : 20, 21. And *whiles I was speaking and praying.* Yea, *whiles I was speaking in prayer.*

12 : 8, 9. And I heard, but I understood not; then said I, O, my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel.

Jonah 4 : 3, 6-11. Jonah's prayer for death; God answers by teaching him greater mercy.

Hab. 2 : 1-3. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me—Though it tarry *wait for it; because it will surely come,* it will not tarry.

Zech. 1 : 12, 13. The prayer of the angel for Jerusalem. The Lord answered "*with good words, and comfortable words.*"

Matt. 14 : 30,31. Lord, save me. And *immediately* Jesus stretched forth His hand.

15: 21. The prayer of the Syro-Phœnician woman.

Answer: "O, woman, great is thy faith; *be it unto thee even as thou wilt.*"

The prayer of Zebedee's wife for her children— Answer: *Ye know not what ye ask.* Matt. 20: 20-22.

Answer: There appeared an angel unto Him from heaven *strengthening Him. Cf.* John 18: 11. 26: 39 with Lu. 22: 43.

He that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him. Answer: Go home to thy friends, and tell them. Mark 5: 18, 19.

Father, forgive them—*Cf.* Acts 2: 36; 2: 41. Acts 3: 15; 19: 26. Luke. 23: 34.

Lord, remember me. Answer: *To-day shalt thou* be with Me in Paradise. 23: 43.

The disciples' prayer to speak the word with boldness. Answer: Ver. 30. And when they had prayed—they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and *they spake the word of God with boldness.* Acts 4: 23-31.

Stephen's prayer for his enemies. Ans.: ch. 8: 1; 9: 1-20. 7: 60.

Peter and John pray that the Samaritans may receive the Holy Ghost. Answer: verse 17: Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 8: 14-17,

Cornelius' prayer—Peter is sent to teach him of Christ. 10: 1-5.

The prayer of the church for Peter answered by his miraculous deliverance. 12: 5.

Paul's prayer to reach Rome. Ans.: Acts 19: 21; 28: 11; Acts 25: 12; 27: 1; 28: 15, 30, 31. Rom. 1: 10.

Paul asks the Romans to pray 15: 31, 32.

(1) That he may be delivered from them that do

not believe in Judæa. Ans.: Acts 21: 10; 21:33; 2 Tim. 4:18. (2) That the service he had for the saints at Jerusalem might be accepted by them. *Cf.* ver. 25, 26; 2 Cor. 8:4; Acts 24:17. (3) *Cf.* ch. 1:10.

2 Cor. 12:7-10. Paul's prayer for the removal of the thorn in his flesh. Ans.: My grace is sufficient for thee.

Eph. 6:19. Paul asks the Ephesians to pray that he may open his mouth boldly. Ans.: Acts 28:31; Col, 4:3; 2 Thes. 3:12.

1 Thes. 3:10, 11. Paul's prayer to go to Thessalonica. Ans.: Acts 19:21; Acts 20:1; 1 Cor. 16:5; 1 Tim. 1:3.

XXV.

PRAYER A CHRISTIAN WORK.

Now, I beseech you, brethren—that ye *strive* together with me in your prayers to God for me. Rom. 15 : 30.

Strive = agonize.

Ye also *helping together by prayer* for us. 2 Cor. 1 : 11.

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation *through your prayer*, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1 : 19.

Epaphras—always *labouring* fervently for you in *prayers*. Col. 4 : 12.

I trust that *through your prayers* I shall be given unto you. Philemon 22.

XXVI.

PRAYER AND THE SPIRIT.

Zech. 12: 10. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications.

John 14 : 26, with John 16 : 25, 26.

Rom. 8 : 27, 28. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered.

Gal. 4 : 6. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Eph. 2 : 18. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

6: 18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

Jude 20. Praying in the Holy Ghost.

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